

Liberals back Steel's bid to merge parties

'Gulf' admitted between the Alliance leaders

By Philip Webster, Chief Political Correspondent

Mr David Steel was given outright backing by senior Liberal party officers last night for his proposals for merging the Liberal and Social Democratic parties.

In an attempt to soothe tempers in the SDP Mr Steel yesterday published his plans which he said showed no one was trying to bounce anybody into anything and denied that the Liberals were trying to "take over" the SDP.

Last night he was planning to talk on the telephone to Dr Owen about procedures for discussing a merger.

He was told by party officers at the meeting that there was broad support in the Liberal Party for the plan, subject to full consultation leading to decisions by the annual party assembly in the autumn for a ballot.

preferred a clear anti-Thatcher non-socialist alternative.

Before the meeting he had issued a statement in response to suggestions from the SDP that he had been trying to railroad them into a merger. He said: "No one is trying to bounce anybody into anything and there is no cause for acrimony between the two halves of our Alliance."

The SDP on Monday postponed discussions on a merger for two weeks.

But his admission of the differences of emphasis between himself and the SDP leader over election strategy was the clearest sign of the direction Mr Steel thinks a merged Alliance under his leadership should move.

As The Times reported on Monday, and Mr Steel has since confirmed, he would be a candidate to lead the merged parties.

In referring to Dr Owen's preference for a balance of power coalition focus, Mr Steel was putting his finger on what Liberal strategists regarded as one of the weaknesses in the Alliance campaign: Dr Owen's readiness to do a deal with a Thatcher-led Conservative government.

One of the main mid-campaign hiccups was when Mr Steel had to back down at Dr Owen's insistence on a statement that he would not work with Mrs Thatcher.

Arguing against continuing with two leaders, Mr Steel said that because of the trend towards presidential-style elections in Britain, he and Dr Owen had to produce the other's impact by 50 per cent.

Maintaining separate organizations, each with its own officers and membership while agreeing a joint leader, could be made to work but only at the expense of considerable duplication of time and effort.

Mr Steel said he preferred the formation of a single organization, a Liberal Democratic Alliance, incorporating the best aspects of the two parties. Proposals could be drawn up for the two party conferences in the autumn, to go to a one person one vote decision among both memberships.

Obstacles to missile agreement

By Our Foreign Staff

Mr Viktor Karpov, the leading Soviet arms control expert, indicated to The Times yesterday that major obstacles still exist in the way of a superpower agreement on eliminating medium-range nuclear missiles from Europe.

He said in Moscow that no such pact could be signed until Washington takes a "political decision" to alter its present negotiating stance.

Mr Karjov flatly rejected Nato claims that the American nuclear warheads mounted on the 72 West German Pershing 1A shorter-range missiles could be considered as "third country systems" outside the agreement.

He hoped that Mrs Thatcher might be able to use her influence to secure a reversal of the decision to retain the US-supplied warheads on the West German-owned rockets.

In Geneva, the US yesterday presented its new offer for the worldwide elimination of shorter-range nuclear missiles, in a special negotiating session with the Soviet Union.

The offer to scrap all missiles with a 300-600 mile range was an integral part of a draft treaty presented earlier this year.

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National Westminster Bank, Britain's largest bank, is making a £466 million provision against its £3.8 billion portfolio of loans to developing countries. The other English clearing banks are expected to follow suit.

Fields inquiry

The Sports Council promised an immediate inquiry into the Priest Hill Sports Centre, in Ewell, Surrey, which has fallen into disrepair.

Portfolio

The £4,000 prize in yesterday's Times Portfolio Gold competition was shared by two readers. Details, page 3. Portfolio list, page 29.

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Police 'covered up' attack on youths

By David Cross

Four police officers took part in a "disgraceful" conspiracy of silence after allegedly attacking five schoolboys, a jury at the Central Criminal Court was told yesterday.

Pleas by Scotland Yard for the men to own up to the assault which took place in a quiet street off Holloway Road, north London, nearly four years ago failed to bring a response and had an adverse effect on the Metropolitan Police.

Mr Roy Amlot, for the prosecution, said that at the end of 1983, Mr Bob Innis, deputy assistant commissioner, had called the defendants and the crews of two other police transit vans who had been in the area and emphasized the gravity of the incident.

But information gained much later resulted in four constables - PC Edward Mann and PC Nicholas Wise, both aged 27, and PC Michael

Gavin and PC Michael Parr, both aged 28 - being charged with assaulting four of the youngsters, Baltimore Rangers, aged 16, his brother, Eric, aged 13, Gary Foley, aged 14, and Daniel Jenkins, aged 16, and causing actual bodily harm to and assaulting Durjan Nalbant, aged 13.

The four constables plus Sgt Colin Edwards, aged 34, are also accused of conspiring to pervert the course of justice by making false statements. All the charges are denied.

The incident had happened when the youths, who were returning from a fair, had become aware that a white police transit van was following them. When the van caught up with them, the driver asked them to stop. "A number of officers came straight out of the van and, virtually without comment, attacked these boys", Mr Amlot said. The case continues.

Flying vicars flock to take vocation on vacation

By Robin Young

A team of flying vicars will bring comfort to thousands of Britons abroad next winter. They will be ministering to the spiritual needs of about 25,000 elderly people escaping the cold British winter at Mediterranean holiday resorts.

Thomson Holidays introduced holiday vicars on its Young at Heart winter holiday programmes for the over-55 age group last year when the Rev Leonard Simms and his wife, Daphne, spent four months in Benidorm, Spain.

So popular was the idea that Thomson is extending the scheme to have chaplains at Palma Nova and Magaluf, Majorca, and in Torremolinos, Costa del Sol. A team of nine

retired Anglican vicars and their wives will take turns at the three resorts for eight-week spells from October 10 to April.

Mr Simms said yesterday that he was looking forward to another two months in Benidorm. "We were very much encouraged last year. Although it was by way of a pilot project, we were getting congregations of up to 80 to our services in some of the hotel lounges, small in proportion to the number of holidaymakers who were there, but a fair congregation by the standards of the average parish these days," he said.

Mr Nick Roberts, of Young at Heart, said: "The scheme was a great success from the clients' point of view. Some who had been recently bereaved, or who were on their own,

were very glad to have someone to befriend them, and someone to whom they knew they could talk. It was also very successful at this end. I have to admit, because it attracts quite a lot of publicity."

Mr Simms and his colleagues are sponsored by the Intercontinental Church Society, which maintains chaplaincies for English-speaking congregations abroad. Some, including Mr Simms, have already followed a vocational vocation with Saga Holidays, another holiday firm which includes clerics in some of its holiday packages.

Mr Simms said: "We always had between 12 and 20 people in hospital at the resort clinic. If you are ill, and perhaps alone, in a foreign country with a foreign culture and perhaps a

different medical approach, it can be a reassuring to have someone to whom you can talk about your problems."

Among the Simms' biggest successes last year were the Christmas carol services organized in the hotel lounges. "People can take some special pleasure in singing In The Bleak Midwinter when it is 75 degrees and brilliant sunshine outside."

Mr Simms is hoping there might also be a wedding at which he can officiate, with the permission of the Bishop of Gibraltar-in-Europe.

He said: "We have already watched a budding romance between a gentleman of 82 and a lady in her seventies. But they waited until after their return to the United Kingdom to get married." Holiday price war, page 3



The Princess of Wales sporting a cream suit and hat yesterday at the opening of Royal Ascot. (Photograph: Roger Bamber). Ascot fashion, page 24.

Tebbit's top aide to resign

By Nicholas Wood, Political Reporter

Mr Michael Dobbs, chief of staff to Mr Norman Tebbit, the chairman of the Conservative Party, will resign his post shortly.

Mr Dobbs, aged 38, one of the chief architects of the Tories' 101-seat electoral triumph, told The Times that he would be stepping down once he had made arrangements for a smooth hand-over.

Mr Dobbs said that it had always been understood that his duties at Central Office would end after the election.

Mr Dobbs, a graduate of Christ Church College, Oxford, and Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy, Boston, United States, worked for Saatchi and Saatchi between 1979 and 1981 and remains a non-executive director of the Conservative Party's advertising agency.

Mr Dobbs was intimately involved in the planning and execution of the Tory election campaign and its advertising. He dismissed attacks on the campaign as wide of the mark.

Insufficient credits had been given to the preparatory work done in the months leading up to the election, notably the critical seats operation.

The Tory posters, party election broadcasts and newspaper advertisements had proved "very strong", he said, adding that the agency had not been responsible for the public relations aspect of the campaign. This, he admitted, had proved lack-lustre at times.

Saatchi sue BBC over Panorama

By Lawrence Lever

Saatchi & Saatchi, the Conservative Party's advertising agency, is to sue the BBC for libel over a statement made in Monday night's Panorama claiming that the agency had been dismissed a week before last Thursday's general election.

Saatchi said last night that it would claim "substantial damages" over the statement which it described as "a total fabrication". Any damages would go to the NSPCC.

Saatchi issued a statement claiming that "the Panorama broadcast represented the climax of a concerted campaign which has been mounted by a group of individuals who are attempting to claim credit for the Conservative victory".

The Panorama statement was made by Mr Michael Cockerell, a BBC reporter with several years experience on Panorama. In Monday's programme, which analysed the Conservative and Labour parties' election campaigns, Mr Cockerell claimed that Saatchi had been replaced by an unnamed rival advertising agency on June 4. He said that this agency had then handled the rest of the campaign. Mr Cockerell was said to be "tied up" and then to have "gone home" in response to attempts to contact him last night.

Mrs Sally Doganis, the producer of Monday's Panorama programme, refused to say last night whether Mr Cockerell had checked his facts with Saatchi prior to the programme going out. "I can't comment because it seems that we are in an on-going legal situation", she said.

Speaking from her North London home she said that the programme was a "post-election programme about the political parties' campaigns which we have been working on for quite some time". In denying the Panorama allegations Saatchi said that "all the work used in the Conservative Party campaign had been produced and executed by the agency".

Saatchi also made all the television election broadcasts, including the final broadcast which was prepared and filmed with the Prime Minister in Saatchi's offices on June 7 1987; the company added.

Saatchi says that Mr Tim Bell, of Lowe, Howard, Spink & Bell, "was one of many people from agencies, and other individuals, who made suggestions during the course of the campaign as to its content."

"Mr Bell's contribution was in areas that had already been covered by our campaign". Last October the BBC had withdrawn allegations made on the Panorama programme linking two Conservative MPs with fascist organizations. The allegations cost the BBC £500,000, mainly in costs.

At the end of October Mr Norman Tebbit, the Chairman of the Conservative Party, launched an attack on the BBC for what he alleged was its "pro-Libyan" coverage of the US air raid on Tripoli.

Hurd to launch blitz on inner city crime

By Martin Fletcher, Political Reporter

Home Office ministers yesterday signalled that the role of crime prevention, particularly in the inner cities, is to be upgraded in a determined attempt by the Government to reverse the rise in lawlessness.

In a shift from the emphasis on tougher sentencing and increased police numbers, they spoke of enhanced co-operation with the departments of environment, education, trade and employment to tackle the root causes of inner-city crime.

Making his first major speech since the election, Mr Douglas Hurd, the Home Secretary, acknowledged public "anger and anxiety" about the rising crime rate and admitted that increased penalties and police resources were not in themselves enough to reverse it. It was time to examine more deeply the causes.

He said: "There is certainly a connection between crime and the wider tensions and defects in our society. Crime prevention he saw as a central part of our programme for lifting the cloud of discouragement from some of the cities".

Speaking to The Times on his first day as the Home Office minister in charge of law and order, Mr John Patten described crime prevention, specifically in inner cities, as his top priority.

He said: "There are three prongs to our anti-crime drive: stronger sentences, more police on the beat, and prevention. The first two are well developed and will continue to develop fast but the third, prevention, is as yet still far too underdeveloped."

The crime prevention strategy will go far beyond the existing neighbourhood watch

schemes, influencing many areas of government policy. Education ministers, for example, are already understood to be considering the creation of special establishments to which the most disruptive pupils at inner city schools could be sent.

Mr Hurd, talking of the need to employ "intelligence and imagination", said he would shortly start consultations on the creation of a national organization to promote effective local crime prevention initiatives. In a speech to the British Security Industry Association yesterday, he told his audience they could help "design crime out of many sectors of our national life".

Mr Patten said that he intended to work closely with Mr Rod Hackney, the president of the Royal Institute of British Architects, and with Mr Michael Howard, his successor as Minister for Housing and Urban Affairs, to promote greater security in the design of housing estates.

Mr Patten anticipated a more central role for an interdepartmental committee of ministers dealing with inner-city problems. It will be chaired by Mr Kenneth Clarke, the new Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster.

Mr Patten's other task is to pilot through the Commons a modified version of the Criminal Justice Bill. The original Bill caused anger among Conservative backbenchers by giving the Attorney General power to refer cases where sentences have appeared lenient, to the Court of Appeal for an opinion but denying it the power to alter the sentence. Mr Patten said that there would be "developments" on that clause.

Iranians launch an arms-buying spree

By Hugh Downs, Fisk, Murchish

With the Americans still pushing in the UN Security Council for a world-wide arms embargo against Teheran, Iranian Government officials have authorized a massive new arms procurement programme which weapons dealers say is likely to presage a big new offensive against Iraq.

The Iranians, whose arms buying is now personally supervised by Ayatollah Khomeini's son Ahmed, are offering more than £9.3 million for just one order of 155 mm gun barrels and demanding more than 200,000 rounds of 155 mm ammunition at £155 a shell.

Iranians in the conflict have been growing since the accidental Iraq missile attack on the American guided-missile frigate Stark, but the sheer size of Iran's new arms purchasing

missions has impressed arms dealers. They say the Iranians are demanding literally thousands of new gun barrels and millions of rounds of artillery ammunition as well as facilities to manufacture their own heavy guns - grim evidence of their continued determination to smash the Iraqi Army and overthrow President Hussein.

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NEWS SUMMARY

Drug companies face inquiry

The Office of Fair Trading has asked the Monopolies and Mergers Commission to initiate an investigation into the supply of six pain-killing drugs.

Best to face jury £500,000 tax claim

Mr Keith Best, former Tory MP for Ynys Mon, Anglesey, was committed for trial at Southwark Crown Court yesterday on three charges of dishonestly obtaining 2,400 British Telecom shares.

Tamil loses plea

A Sri Lankan who told immigration officers that he had killed seven people, including a priest, while serving with a Tamil liberation army, yesterday lost his action in the High Court in London to be given political asylum in the United Kingdom.

Heseltine called

Mr Michael Heseltine, the former Secretary of State for Defence, has been summoned to a crown court to give evidence in a case involving two Greenham Common peace protesters.

Cash aid for pandas

London Zoo, home to Britain's only giant panda, is going to play a vital role in international research into the species' reproductive system.

Family court plans shelved indefinitely

By Frances Gibb Legal Affairs Correspondent The Treasury has shelved indefinitely proposals for a family court for England and Wales, in spite of wide support from judges, the legal profession and MPs from all political parties.

Stolen army tank rockets were sent by Red Star

Five stolen anti-tank rockets were sent by British Rail's Red Star parcel service from Liverpool to Glasgow, a court was told yesterday.

The rockets were intercepted by police in April last year and destroyed by an explosives expert, Mr John Spokes, QC, for the prosecution, said at Bristol Crown Court.

He claimed that Peter Kabluczenko, aged 39, a dealer in military goods, sent the parcel of rockets after they were stolen by army corporals at Battlesbury Barracks, Warrminster, Wiltshire.

Mr Spokes alleged that Mr Kabluczenko was caught by police on June 30 last year after he and another man had loaded a further nine M72 (66mm) rockets, with live shells, from a garage lock-up in Trowbridge, Wiltshire.

The rocket launchers were apparently bound for Scotland for use by Irish protestant sympathisers connected with the Ulster Defence Association (UDA).

Mr Kabluczenko, of Moldy-Fein, Treuddyn Mill, Ford, North Wales, has denied two charges of dishonestly handling a total of 14 M72 rocket launchers, and two charges alleging illegal possession of them. He further denies a charge of handling a quantity of army stoves and fuel.

The alleged offences were said to have been committed in the first six months of last year.

Mr Spokes told the jury that police arrested Mr Kabluczenko and a Mr Paul Barker after they loaded a van with three boxes from the garage. One of those contained nine high-explosive anti-tank weapons.

He maintained that they had been stolen by a Corporal Knighton, an ammunition storeman, and a Corporal Smith, a storeman, who were both serving with the First Battalion of the Worcestershire and Sherwood Foresters at the Battlesbury Barracks. The weapons were sold to Mr Barker who sold them to Mr Kabluczenko.

No-strike deals face ban by TUC

By Tim Jones An attack being planned on the electricians' union, over single union deals, could have far reaching consequences for employers and workers.

Some unions attending the forthcoming TUC conference, led by the Transport and General Workers Union, want such deals banned because they forgo the "fundamental right to strike".

Once again, the Electrical, Electronic, Telecommunications and Plumbing Union will be standing alone in the face of a barrage of opposition.

But the EETPU, which has already survived attempts to have it expelled from the TUC because of its role in the dispute between News International and the print unions, is planning a counter-attack.

In the annual report of the TGWU, Mr Bob Harrison, national secretary for the union's food, drink and tobacco group, describes as "loathsome" an agreement reached between the EETPU and Christian Salvesen, a distribution company which deals with Marks & Spencer.

Mr Harrison said: "Here is a TUC affiliated union entering into a loathsome alliance with a major employer to gain membership by sacrificing the fundamental right of free, independent, democratic trade unionism - the right to strike".

Mr Eric Hammond, general secretary of the EETPU, is planning a vigorous defence of his union's practices.

Pointing out that the TGWU has negotiated at least 76 single union agreements which exclude its members, Mr Hammond believes the electricians face "archaic industrial attitudes".

Labour in Europe

The hard-line anti-EEC leadership of the British Labour Party at the European Parliament was yesterday ousted by the pro-Market faction.

Anti-marketeers are ousted

Mr Aif Lomas, the "anti-marketeer" representing London East, stood down as leader of the British socialists in Strasbourg, admitting he had failed to convince his colleagues of the justice of his cause.

The leadership of the British Labour group of 32 now goes to Mr David Martin, of the Tribune Group, a pro-marketeer who sits for the Scottish Euro-constituency of Lothians.

The deputy leader will be Mr John Tomlinson (Birmingham East), a right-winger, and the chairmanship goes to Mr George Stevenson (Staffordshire East), another right-winger.

Other posts in the new leadership are all taken by members of the younger Tribune left.

Behind the ousting is a clear disenchantment with the hard-left and the negative attitude taken by the anti-marketeers.

Mr Martin said yesterday: "We are not going to get out of the Common Market, so we might as well face reality and work within it."

He said Labour members would continue to campaign against the completion of the internal market, jargon for a Common Market free-trade area.

Inner city education is boosted

A new responsibility for inner-city schools and "education for a multicultural society" has been created in the Department of Education and Science (Our Education Correspondent writes).

The job has gone to Baroness Hooper, one of two new parliamentary under-secretaries appointed on Monday. Lady Hooper will also be responsible for piloting the Government's radical Education Bill through the Lords.

In the Commons, that burden will fall on Mrs Angela Rumbold, the Minister of State, who retains her responsibility for the curriculum, teacher training and the new 16-plus examination, the GCSE. Mr Robert Jackson, the other new junior minister, will deal with higher education and science.

Mr Robert Dunn, who was reappointed a Parliamentary Under Secretary of State, will supervise the partial dismemberment of the Inner London Education Authority.

Jobcentre merger to aid unemployed

By Ronald Faux, Employment Affairs Correspondent Unemployment benefit offices and Jobcentres are likely to be merged in the first move by the Government to bring more of the work of the Manpower Services Commission under the control of the Department of Employment.

The commission is the Government's main job creation agency. Senior officials have believed for some time that a Conservative Government returned with a strong majority would streamline unemployment services into one department.

Mr Norman Fowler, who took over this week as Secretary of State for Employment, is considering a planned one-door approach for the unemployed, allowing them to collect benefits and seek job information at the same time.

The commission runs more than 1,000 Jobcentres, which also provide information on other schemes such as Restart, the Enterprise Allowance and the Community Programme. Officials are concerned about the possible effects on a total of 34 schemes which have been responsible for keeping more than a million young people and unemployed workers off the dole.

The commission has grown rapidly in autonomy and size as unemployment became the focus of political concern. It has headquarters in Sheffield and offices in London, with a total staff of 22,000 and annual budget of £3,500 million.

Councillors face rates surcharge

Legal action that could result in more than 150 Labour councillors in London and Sheffield being surcharged and disqualified from office is being considered by district auditors.

Covent Garden offers Opera House alternative

By Christopher Warman Property Correspondent The scheme, promoted jointly with the Soho Housing Association, comes after the release of a proposal by the Covent Garden Community Association, published an alternative scheme yesterday which preserves a number of historic buildings.

The alternative scheme will preserve the Floral Hall and provide an open-air auditorium in an attempt to make the Royal Opera House more accessible to the public.

The proposers of the alternative scheme say that the Royal Opera House needs public support more than new facilities. "They need to make the ROH more responsive to the nation and the neighbourhood in particular", a spokesman said.

The associations hailed a recent experimental staging of La Boheme on a screen in the market square as a start in opening up the Opera House to the public. However they claimed that the proposals would prevent the possibility of a repeat experiment.

"To demolish five listed buildings is both unnecessary and inexcusable and to build massive speculative offices and underground car park is clearly not the best way to attract public support", the associations say.

Their scheme allows for some commercial development and an exclusive Opera House-related hotel on the corner of James Street and the Piazza as the main "income generators" to help fund the Royal Opera House.

Westminster City Council's planning committee meets on June 30 to decide on the Royal Opera House scheme, which is on show at an exhibition in the Opera House. The plans for the alternative scheme are on show at the western end of the Covent Garden market building.

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The merger of Jobcentres and unemployment benefit offices would be the first step in the Conservative manifesto commitment to make the commission the main job training agency.

It is seen by the Government as a logical move, concentrating resources on behalf of the long-term unemployed. It is also likely to have the support of Mr Fowler, who spent five years at the Department of Health and Social Security.

The independent auditors are asking the councillors to justify the way they voted two years ago. Among those against whose action is being considered is Mr David Blunkett, leader of Sheffield City Council and elected as MP for Sheffield Brightside last Thursday.

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Geoffrey Smith

The Liberals and Social Democrats now resemble a quarrelsome family arguing bitterly over their father's will without realising that he is bankrupt. Whether they federate, confederate, merge, or go their separate ways, there is no rich political inheritance awaiting them.

Whatever political future they have will depend partly on their further efforts and partly on circumstances over which they can have little control. It is hard to see how they could hope to obtain power without either a further realignment on the left or displacing Labour as the principal challenger to the Conservatives.

But the chances of either development would not seem to be such at the moment as to attract a betting man. So there is no more they could make which would solve their problems at a stroke.

Perhaps Labour will get themselves into such a mess in the course of this Parliament as to make many eyes turn towards the Alliance. Perhaps the Government will run into such difficulties as to transform the prospects for anyone who can form a competent opposition.

But all the Liberals and Social Democrats can do at this stage is to place themselves in as good a position as possible to take advantage of any favourable turn of events.

Unless the bleakness of their present situation is appreciated, the choice that they now face cannot be won in context. The question is not which of the two parties has more to contribute to British public life. Nor is it how to preserve the parity of a distinctive political approach.

If it were, I would like a great deal of sympathy for Dr Owen and his supporters in their resistance to the pressure.

It would not be a painless process

for merger. They have had something more substantive and original to say on the serious issues than anyone else in the opposition parties. They have brought a more rigorous approach to the discussion of policy.

They are right that Liberals and Social Democrats often seem to be different political animals. It would indeed be a loss if the sharpness of the Owenite thinking were to be smothered in a united party. But the alternative might be to deprive it of all influence in British public life.

Effective political action requires more than assembling an array of intellectual converts. It also means securing the effective co-operation of those who only half agree.

Without that no British party can hope to be successful because it would be no more than a sect, no matter how intellectually refined. And without a substantial party no British politician can leave a mark upon his times.

So the critical question is whether the Social Democrats and Liberals, either together or separately, can win a significant role. Unless they can, it does not matter much what happens to either of them.

After the election it seems clear that neither will be taken sufficiently seriously so long as they remain apart. The hybrid arrangement does not impress the voters. There is not room for two separate parties in the centre and it would require a debilitating battle for one to kill off the other.

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The Liberals would be most unwise to turn a merger into a concealed takeover, as a number of them would no doubt prefer. But some Liberals would positively welcome the additional rigour that the Social Democrats would bring, both to party organization and to the formation of policy.

Yet even if a union is a gamble, it is one that neither party can now afford to decline.

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Christmas Eve kidnapping

Bodybuilder's orgy of sex showed 'farmyard morals'

By Stewart Tendler, Crime Reporter

A bodybuilding fanatic kidnapped two girls and carried out an orgy of repeated rape and sexual attacks which subjected his terrified victims to the 'morals of the farmyard', a judge at St Albans Crown Court was told yesterday.

A police hunt began after Peter Chmilowsky's first victim, aged 19, escaped after she had been held and raped in hotel rooms. Chmilowsky was seen by police but lost them in a high-speed chase.

The centre of a nationwide police hunt last December when he fled with his second victim aged 17, who he raped 16 times. Chmilowsky finally decided to try to commit suicide. He drove headlong at a car on a Norfolk road, killing a baby aged five months.

Yesterday Chmilowsky, aged 30 and unemployed, from Berkshire Gardens, Palmers Green, north London, pleaded guilty to two charges of kidnap and eight of rape. He pleaded not guilty to murdering the baby, Gemma Smallbone, of Holt, Norfolk, but guilty to manslaughter on the ground of diminished responsibility.

Mr Justice Phillips accepted the plea and adjourned the case until he had heard medical evidence on Chmilowsky. He would then decide whether to impose a prison sentence or send him to Broadmoor.

Mr Peter Townsend, QC, for the prosecution, told the court

that the events happened last Christmas and New Year. He said: "They can only be summed up as an orgy of sex, a couple of kidnaps finally ending with the tragic death of a five-month-old baby".

Chmilowsky repeatedly threatened to kill his two victims which made them too afraid to escape, creating "almost in some sort of perverted way, a sort of loyalty".

Mr Townsend said the man "exhibited towards the two girls what can only be described as the morals of the farmyard". Both were bright, intelligent individuals.

The 19-year-old met Chmilowsky last October, a month after he had been acquitted of rape. They went out three times and on the last occasion she planned to end the affair.

Chmilowsky drove her to the Post House Hotel, Epping, where he checked in for two

nights. In the room Chmilowsky began his attacks telling his victim: "I can't tell you what's wrong because you won't understand".

Something had happened to him in the past and he was taking it out on her. He had been wrongly accused of rape. When he came out of prison he wanted revenge.

The girl was systematically raped during the following weekend. Mr Townsend said the charges on the indictment were only sample charges.

At the end of the weekend, armed with a knife, Chmilowsky drove her to Eastbourne. The girl, denied sleep for two nights, was too frightened to try to escape.

Afraid, she agreed to spend another night with him on condition there were no more sexual relations. But in an Eastbourne hotel Chmilowsky did not keep his word.

The girl was told to call home and the couple discovered a police hunt had begun. At Ferndown, near Bourne-moath, Chmilowsky made her get money from a bank. The clerk recognized her from the manhunt, took her behind the security door and slammed it in Chmilowsky's face.

He fled to London where a friend alerted him that police were looking for him. On December 23 his hire car was seen by a policewoman in Edmonton but Chmilowsky got away.

Two days later, on Christmas Eve, he caught his second victim as she was leaving a public house. Close to midnight she walked up to his car which she thought was a minicab.

For the next two days the girl was kept virtual prisoner by Chmilowsky as he drove through the eastern counties.

On December 26, listening to radio details of the hunt, the fugitive told her: "There is only one thing for it. I am going to find a lorry and I am going to drive into it and I am taking you as well".

On Sunday, December 27, the car was in Norfolk, near Swaffham. The girl was made to write suicide notes.

Mr Townsend said the defendant's letter blamed his parents for the way they had brought him up. It added: "I don't know what has happened to me. I can't say any more. What I am doing is the only way out. Goodbye, Pete".

The girl wrote: "To Mum and Dad and everyone. Love you very much. Why did it have to be me? Goodbye".

The next morning, Chmilowsky drove at another car at 70 to 80 miles an hour and Gemma Smallbone died.

Chmilowsky fled. He gave himself up at the nearby home of Sir Samuel Roberts, a barrister.



Chmilowsky, whose suicide crash attempt killed a baby.

Reger slips into next decade



A Janet Reger silk bustier, worn here with a matching petticoat (Photograph: Denzil McNeelance)

Janet Reger yesterday celebrated the start of her third decade in the underwear business with the launch of her new collection.

Looking back over the last 20 years, she recalled that when she first started, men bought black or red.

For many men, the shopping trip consisted of a nervous dash into the shop, a fumble among the frills and a quick exit.

But according to Mrs Reger, today's male buyer knows what he wants, browses at leisure and picks an item in his partner's favourite colour.

Those who do not mind people knowing they wear the Janet Reger label include Jerry Hall, the model, Joan Collins, the actress, and her American counterpart Linda Gray.

In spite of setbacks, she is back at the top of the underwear business.

Four years ago the business crashed with debts of £1 million and she sold her name and began working for Berlei.

She succeeded in rebuilding her business but two years later her husband Peter, from whom she had been separated for two years, committed suicide.

At the end of last year she suffered another severe blow when £500,000-worth of her Christmas collection was stolen.

But Mrs Reger threw herself back into her business and overcame the problems.

Business is now booming again at her London shop and sales to the American market are thriving.

Portfolio Gold Prize will smarten a home

Two readers shared yesterday's Portfolio Gold prize of £4,000.

Mr John Walden, aged 39, of Oakleaf Gardens in Ilford, Essex, was delighted to win the competition which he had played since its inception.

Mr Walden, a computer consultant, said he would be spending the money on re-decorating his house.

Mrs Regina Ankin, aged 70 from London, said the win was a great surprise which would enable her to be very generous to her sister.

Readers can obtain a Portfolio Card by sending a stamped addressed envelope to: Portfolio Gold

The Times, Blackburn, BB1 6AJ.

Envoy's son 'fled after killings'

A diplomat's son fled to Britain after killing his girlfriend's parents because they disapproved of him, a court was told yesterday.

Jens Soering, a West German then aged 17, cut the throats of Derek and Nancy Hayson and then stabbed them repeatedly in the chest. He then took off his shoes and "swished" his feet through their blood to cover his footprints at their mansion in Bedford County, Lynchburg, Virginia, an extradition court at Bow Street, central London, was told.

Mr Paul Garlick, for the United States government and the Director of Public Prosecutions, said Mr Soering, now aged 20, plotted the killings with his American girlfriend Elizabeth.

Mr Garlick said the girl has already been extradited.

Mr Soering, who denies the allegations, was remanded in custody awaiting a decision by the Home Secretary on whether he will be extradited. He has 15 days to appeal.

Jury freed rapist in 'mirror' attack

By Our Crime Reporter

Peter Chmilowsky was well known to the police when he began the first of his kidnaps with a girl before St Albans Crown Court. Last summer he was acquitted in a rape case at the Central Criminal Court which mirrored one of the attacks for which he pleaded guilty yesterday.

At the time he had a record for rape. At first sight Chmilowsky seemed a pleasant young man in his early thirties with a fascination for body building but there were signs of deep problems which came to the surface when he was rejected by women at the end of a relationship.

Since his arrest two women have contacted police with details of sex offences, suggesting there were other victims.

Born to a Ukrainian Roman Catholic family, Chmilowsky was brought up in schools and homes for maladjusted children. He is said to have been rejected by his family. One policeman described him as being "emotionally maladjusted and backward".

After school, Chmilowsky joined the Royal Green Jackets serving in Belfast and Berlin. When aged 22 he was dishonourably discharged and began drifting through jobs.

In 1980 he was given 18 months' for raping a woman

with whom he had lived. He also received three months for an indecent assault.

Within months of being released in 1985 Chmilowsky was accused of attacking and imprisoning a shop assistant aged 19 after dating her. According to the prosecution in the case last year, Chmilowsky took the girl drinking. At the end of the evening he agreed to take her home but first wanted to change his clothes in his rented room in north London.

She went with him and was held captive all night. In court Chmilowsky claimed she had given her consent. The jury believed him.

Chmilowsky was free after a year in prison awaiting his trial. He took a room in the home of Mrs Bruna Connolly in Palmers Green, north London. Mrs Connolly, a widow in her sixties, thought the burly young man would make a good guard for her home which had been burgled.

Her new lodger, who worked as a minicab driver, was referred to her by a local DHSS office. Mrs Connolly said: "When I saw what a big boy he was I knew that he would be good to have in the house when I was alone".

He never took girls home and Mrs Connolly had no idea he was in trouble until he disappeared last Christmas and the police arrived.

Winter holidays price war

By Derek Harris, Industrial Editor

The package holidays price war, which yesterday brought more discount offers for the summer, is spilling into next winter.

Thomson Holidays, Britain's biggest tour operator, launched its main winter brochures and immediately announced a wave of cuts on the prices published.

This was because Horizon Holidays, the third largest operator in winter holidays, late last week brought out a programme with average prices at last winter's levels.

Horizon, recently taken over by the brewers Bass, was keeping prices low to try to win a bigger share of the market, increasing its number of holidays on offer by a third to 300,000.

Thomson's brochure prices

and those aimed at the overseas were on average 2 per cent up on last winter, but it was determined to stick by its pledge of not being beaten on price. Mr Paul Brett, the Thomson managing director, said.

In the 56 hotels used by both operators, Thomson is cutting prices on 100,000 holidays, a tenth of the packages it has on offer. The reductions are up to £35 a holiday and will bring its average price increase to about 1.5 per cent, well below the inflation rate.

Thomson, which accounted for a dominant 48 per cent of the £500 million winter market last time, is expanding its next winter programme to at least one million holidays, an increase of rather more than a fifth on last winter.

Thomson underlined it would be prepared to meet any major reductions from other key competitors when they bring out their winter holiday offerings. The second largest operator, International Leisure Group whose brands include Intasun, is due to launch its winter brochures early next month.

Intensified competition is expected to lure more people abroad next winter with Thomson forecasting at least 2.5 million Britons travelling compared with 2.25 million last winter.

The price moves have come as increasing nervousness has swept the trade over 1987 holidays in the peak months of July and August. There are still about two million holidays unsold, it is estimated.

Self-help way to cut stress

By Jill Sherman, Social Services Correspondent

Staying sober, not being too hard on oneself, and having "treats" all help reduce excessive stress.

According to a booklet published by the British Medical Association today, most people have an innate ability to cope with stress which can be helped by training and practice in self-help methods.

Improving both general health and fitness by getting plenty of sleep, eating a good diet, taking enough exercise and doing specific relaxation exercises, helps reduce tension, it says. Undue stress could also be prevented by understanding what causes stress and by learning how to avoid, adjust or adapt to it.

"The principle defences are within ourselves and mainly consist of physical and mental fitness—a healthy body and a healthy mind", the author, Dr Greg Wilkinson, from the Institute of Psychiatry in London, says.

Having a sense of control over events helps reduce the stress, the publication says. It advises people to find out what makes them irritable and then try to alter their response, for example by making sure they leave home with time to catch a train. They should reward themselves if they manage to do that for a week.

The booklet, which is available from pharmacists and from the BMA, lists 18 rules to reduce stress. Those include: getting priorities right, thinking ahead and sharing worries with family or friends. Coping with Stress, (Family Doctor Publications, 95p).

Painless answer to the gallstone

By Robert Matthews

A painless technique for removing gallstones in minutes without the need for surgery is about to undergo its first trial in this country.

Tens of thousands of people suffer from gallstones, outnumbering those with kidney stones by about five to one, but until now they have not benefited from the development of lithotripsy techniques, in which kidney stones are broken up by sound waves so that they can be passed through the body.

A West German lithotripter, which its inventors claim will destroy both types of stone, will be used in the first trial in Britain at the private London Bridge Hospital.

Instead of an operation to remove the stone, involving a 10-day stay in hospital and leaving a 12in scar, the lithotripter is said to destroy a stone in about 30 minutes, after which the patient can walk back to the ward.

The patient lies on a bed into which is fitted a water-filled dish containing about 3,000 electrically-powered ceramic crystals that give a pulse of pressure of more than five tons force a square inch focused on the stone.

About 1,500 pulses of increasing intensity are applied during treatment with the pulses being continuously monitored by an ultrasonic scanner.

Existing lithotripters are comparatively cumbersome, often involving the complete immersion of the patient in water and the use of potentially dangerous X-rays to monitor progress.

Also, their relative inaccuracy means they can cause bruising to areas well away from the target stone, and a patient usually requires general anaesthesia.

According to Mr John Dick, who is conducting the trial for the London Bridge Hospital, the patient rarely feels anything more than a slight pinprick with the new machine, in spite of its power. He said: "Some patients have gone to sleep on the machine".

The hospital sees the technique being used regularly once trials are complete.

Assault on woman, 82

A man believed to be responsible for a series of sex attacks on elderly women was being hunted by police in Birmingham after a widow aged 82 became the latest victim.

The woman was sexually assaulted after the man persuaded her to let him through the security doors of a tower block of flats at Wickes House, Pershore Road, Edgbaston, on Monday.

But, once inside, the man put his hands over her mouth

and forced the woman to ride in the lift to the nineteenth floor where he assaulted her.

The attacker was described by police as a well-spoken black man in his early twenties. He is thought to have been responsible for four similar attacks on women aged over 70 in the same area.

Det Chief Insp Graham Jones urged elderly women to be on their guard. "This was a serious sexual assault on a defenceless old lady."

fact that she has already qualified as a fixed-wing pilot and is used to being in the air, knows about navigation and how to use the radio will be a great help to her".

He and Captain Tim Kyle who will assist in the lessons are former Royal Navy pilots with about 10 years' experience with Air Hanson.

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Duchess to take helicopter lessons

By Harvey Elliott, Air Correspondent

The Duchess of York is to learn to fly helicopters so that she and her husband can "share the driving" on official or private visits.

The Duchess, who recently won her private pilot's licence on fixed-wing aircraft, is fascinated by aviation and has often said she would like to be able to pilot helicopters.

Now Air Hanson, a subsidiary of Hanson Trust, has offered to provide the tuition which could have cost an estimated £20,000 for 40 hours if carried out on a normal commercial basis.

They will also cover the cost of the Duke of York's conver-

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Race prejudice 'drove trainee PC from force'

By Ian Smith
An immediate investigation will be ordered if it is proved that police officers racially abused one of their colleagues, a Chief Constable promised yesterday.

The promise, by Mr Colin Sampson, the Chief Constable of West Yorkshire, came as an industrial tribunal heard a claim from a West Indian trainee officer that he resigned from the force because of colour prejudice.

In the first hearing of its kind, Mr Nicholas Booth,

aged 24, is claiming constructive dismissal under the Race Relations Act against Mr Sampson.

Mr Booth alleges he was subjected to harassment and humiliation when he became the first Afro-Caribbean policeman in Bradford.

During training, Mr Booth told an industrial tribunal in Leeds, he was nicknamed Toby, the name given to a slave in the television drama *Roots*. Mr Booth said he had the buttons sliced off his tunic, he was called a black bastard and he was singled out for

criticism by officers at inspector and sergeant level.

Senior officers in the West Yorkshire force are investigating claims by Mr Booth that he was forced to indulge in improper acts with a striptease artist at a stag night for one of his fellow recruits.

Mr Sampson told the tribunal that he was wholly committed to racial harmony, equal opportunity and to ensuring that officers within his force adhered to those principles.

He was aware people within ethnic minority groups were

critical of the police and had therefore placed special emphasis on race relations during training programmes for the force, which has more than 5,000 officers.

The Chief Constable said: "I have attempted for some years to be concerned with racial harmony. If there is evidence that there is racial discrimination it will set back the whole of my programme and set me with bridges to re-build."

The Chief Constable said he would react with abhorrence to proof that Mr Booth had been called nigger or black

bastard by fellow constables.

But, Mr Sampson said, on December 8 last year when Mr Booth was called to the Chief Constable's office to discuss reports criticizing the probationer police officer's performance during the 21 months he had been under training, not once did Mr Booth claim he had been subjected to discrimination.

Tutorial reports described him as having made poor progress and obtained poor examination results. They suggested he suffered from a

bad memory and lack of concentration.

Mr Booth said in evidence that he originally applied to join the force in April, 1984 and was initially rejected because of poor spelling and lack of co-ordination. He joined the Territorial Army to improve his performance and 12 months later he was accepted for police training. It was soon afterwards that he became a target of fellow probationers.

The hearing continues today.

Commission to put spotlight on efficiency

By Stewart Tendler, Crime Reporter

A three-year investigation of the finances, effectiveness and efficiency of the police service by the Audit Commission will be outlined at a national conference of chief constables opening today in Blackpool.

Using up to ten forces, the commission will work in a series of phases amassing research material centrally and then applying it in the field.

Individual forces will be examined on specific areas such as use of computers or vehicles while others will face more extensive scrutiny.

The survey will not look at effectiveness in terms of how many criminals are caught, but will make sure the police use resources to full effect. Any savings could be diverted to other areas of police work.

Lessons drawn from the work on individual forces will be published and may eventually be applied to the whole service.

The commission has produced reports, and inspired improvements, in refuse collection, management of accommodation for the elderly and energy saving plans. Earlier this year it said eight inner London authorities faced a breakdown of services because of poor management.

The police survey will be led by Dr Ross Tristram, director of special studies at the commission. He will be describing his plans today at the summer conference of the Association of Chief Police

Officers, the theme of which is "Value for Money".

The commission is acting at a time when the police are already said to be willing under the effect of drives for efficiency and cost-cutting exercises inspired by a Home Office circular several years ago. Many forces claim manpower shortages.

Earlier this year in his annual report, Mr Roger Birch, Chief Constable of Sussex and the next association president, warned of the danger of trying to place a cash value on police work.

The project is the first on the police by the commission since its formation in 1983. Its role is to ensure money is spent and accounted for by local authorities and their services according to the law. It also identifies areas for improving cost-effectiveness.

It will begin by looking at specific police expenditure: vehicle management, management of police property, catering, command and control computers, scene of crime services, intelligence bureaux and management services.

It will also see how external factors have affected police resources, including the Police and Criminal Evidence Act, which police say has stretched manpower; the formation of the Crown Prosecution Service, and the introduction of extensions to the fixed penalty system for motorists.

Universities chief tells of benefits from cuts

By John Clare, Education Correspondent

A warmer, less hostile relationship between the universities and the Government was heralded yesterday by Professor Sir Mark Richmond, the newly elected chairman of the Committee of Vice-Chancellors and Principals.

The shift in attitude will be warmly welcomed by Mr Kenneth Baker, Secretary of State for Education and Science, and his new team of ministers.

"Things are changing and we've got to respond positively and change with them; society doesn't owe us a living," was how Sir Mark summed up his view of the future of Britain's 45 universities.

He characterized the financial cuts, which every university has suffered and strenuously objected to over the past six years, as an "enormous kick up the pants".

He went on: "But the system is not irreparably damaged. On the contrary, it is now in a very vigorous state. One of the benefits of the cuts is that they've made people think, made the universities more responsive to the country's needs."

sities had become ivory towers".

Sir Mark said that the Government's plans to concentrate spending on scientific research in centres of excellence, instead of spreading it thinly throughout the system, were "interesting and inevitable".

Sir Mark said that a start had been made in areas such as particle physics and space research.

He added: "I very much hope no university will become a purely teaching institution. No university is so good that it can expect to be funded for research in all areas but none is so bad that it cannot do any research at all."

Sir Mark was also willing to see advantages in the Government's plan to change the nature of university funding from a system of grants to one based on contracts.

On academic tenure and student loans, Sir Mark said it was impossible to argue that academics had an absolute right to a job for life and he did not believe that loans to top up student grants would necessarily restrict access to higher education.

Sir Mark, aged 56, a microbiologist, has been vice-chancellor of Manchester university since 1981.

A police stand-off as hippies move in

A group of hippies were encamped in woodland within 12 miles of Stonehenge last night after police declined to use their powers under the new Public Order Act to move them on.

Without the support of the Wiltshire Constabulary, the Forestry Commission, which owns Collingbourne Wood, near Ludgershall, has had to resort to civil law by seeking a repossession order for the land in the High Court.

The hippies have successfully adopted tactics of dispersing when moved on from one site and re-grouping hours later in large numbers as they attempt to get to Stonehenge to celebrate the Summer Solstice this weekend.

Each hippy group has at least one copy of the Public Order Act, and there is never any shortage of volunteers to quote extracts from its two relevant sections in the hippies' defence.

English Heritage, which looks after Stonehenge, yesterday said it would cancel arrangements to allow 500 ticket-holders to approach the stones if it looked as if an invasion by the uninited was imminent.

Section 39 of the Public Order Act states that trespassers on private land can be forced to leave if they cause damage or use threatening behaviour.

However, yesterday, the police were prepared to be lenient in their interpretation of "damage", although the Forestry Commission said that damage by campfires had already been caused.



Princess Anne, the Princess Royal, takes a no-nonsense approach to life, even with a barn owl called Elsie that needs pointing in the right direction. When Elsie landed near her, the royal command was: "You're supposed to be over there." Off went Elsie back to the display arena at the Falconry Centre, Newent, Gloucestershire, where the Princess was opening a £40,000 eagle breeding unit. (Photograph: Peter Trivnor).

RUC warn of a new terrorist onslaught

By Richard Ford

Security forces in Northern Ireland are preparing for a new terrorist onslaught as the Provisionals' campaign enters its traditional marching season, when sectarian tension is at its highest.

The police suspect that the Provisional IRA aims to intensify attacks now that the votes for its political wing, provisional Sinn Fein, have been gathered and its leaders need no longer fear electoral damage.

The RUC said in a statement that civilians, VIPs and

commercial targets as well as the security forces were at risk.

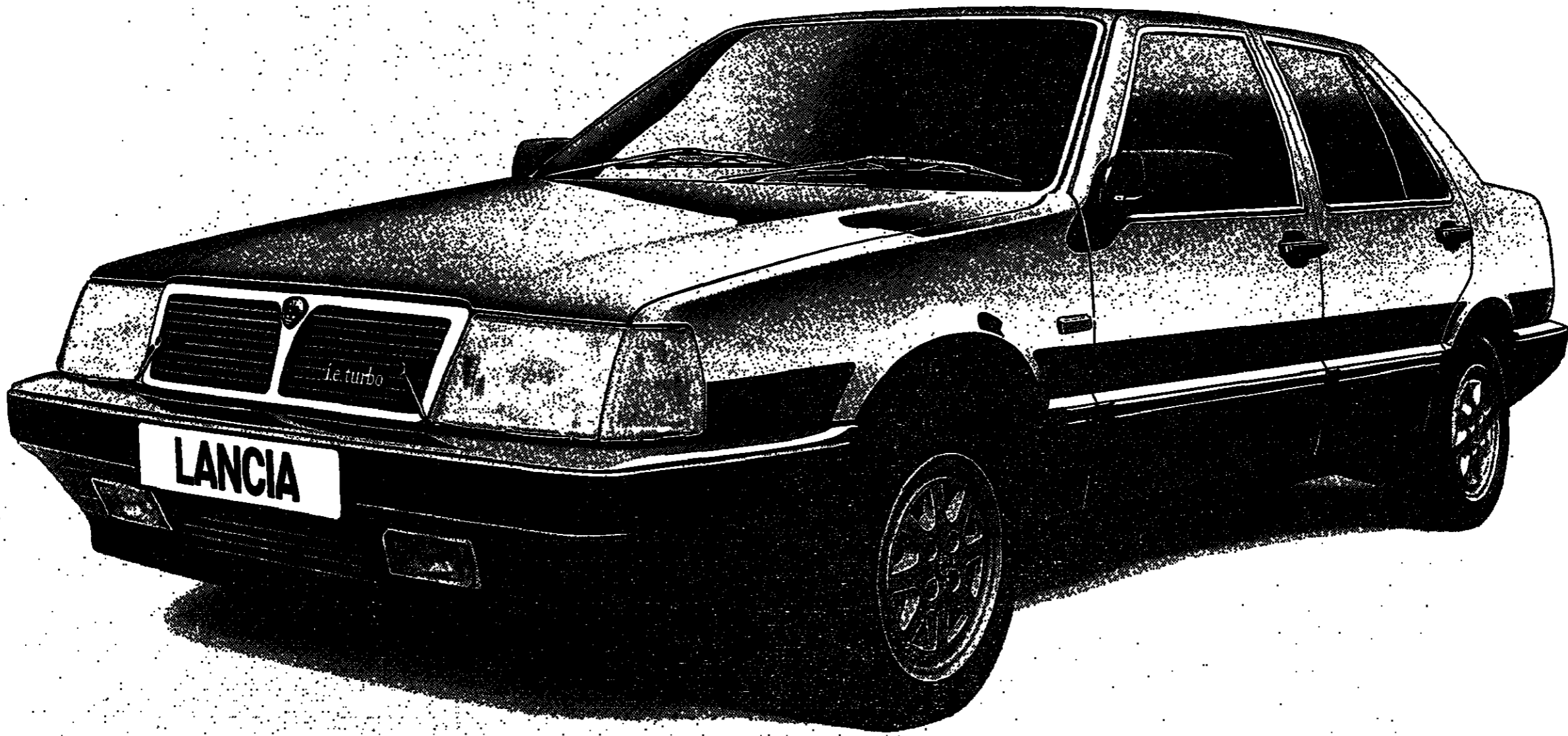
The Provisionals' campaign has been at a higher level than in recent years because of the release from prison of a number of men who are suspected of renewed involvement in the movement.

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Methodists may appoint first woman as 'bishop'

By Clifford Longley, Religious Affairs Correspondent

The first woman "bishop" in the Methodist Church in Britain, known as a district chairman, is expected to be elected at the church's conference in Portsmouth later this month.

If she defeats a rival candidate, the Rev Kathleen Richardson will become responsible for more than 50 clergy in the West Yorkshire district.

She received the highest number of votes for the nomination in the district synod, but the candidate she defeated for the nomination, the Rev Kenneth Taylor, is still in the race. Mrs Richardson, aged 48, was ordained in 1979.

The conference agenda shows that the church is likely to be criticized by some members for not supporting Mr James Anderton, the Chief Constable of Greater Manchester, for his trenchant remarks in January attributing Aids to the immorality of homosexuality.

The Kendal circuit notes with "dismay" that heads of the Methodist Church did not speak out in his support.

Mr Anderton was himself a member of an independent

Methodist church, but has since said he is under instruction for admission to the Roman Catholic Church.

The Rev Brian Beck, secretary of the Methodist Conference, said yesterday that he had not spoken in support of Mr Anderton because he disagrees with him.

One of the most important domestic items on the conference agenda will be a proposal to bring the ministerial session under the authority of the representative session, instead of the two sessions having equal standing.

The ministerial session, which takes place first, traditionally deals with all matters concerning the clergy, including policy and discipline.

The representative session includes the membership of the ministerial session, but also an equal number of elected lay members.

The conference will also consider new guidelines on liturgical dress. While continuing to leave the way they dress in church to the good taste of individual clergy, the guidelines recommend "sensitivity".

Farmers are told when it can pay to sell up

Some farmers would be well advised to sell their land before their situation deteriorates further.

For example, a farmer with fewer than 300 acres in the north or west of England, Wales or Scotland, on poor land, with few additional amenities and with little development potential should consider selling up.

That bleak advice comes from Bidwells, the land agents, which has produced a questionnaire for farmers. The answers are scored from nought to 10, with a "pass mark" of 40.

It suggests that a West Country farmer with 250 acres of Grade 3 land, living in a modern farmhouse, with reasonably modern buildings and equipment, a moderate debt, and a respectable income, would score about 50 points. That is below the level at which he should "seriously review" his prospects and contemplate selling up.

In contrast, the owner of a small, high amenity value farm near London might be well advised to sell his 400 acres at £2,500 an acre now and buy a good commercial 700-acre farm in East Anglia at £1,500 an acre.

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Sir Geoffrey sets team new tasks

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Le Matin Secretary off camera

Paris - The crisis-ridden French left-wing daily, Le Matin, obtained a 48-hour respite yesterday when the Paris Commercial Tribunal agreed to put off until Thursday its decision on whether the paper should be declared bankrupt...

Parents see pilot son

Moscow (AP) - The parents of Mathias Rust, the 19-year-old West German pilot arrested after landing in Red Square, saw him for the first time since he was jailed here when they made a three-hour visit to Moscow's Lefortovo Prison yesterday.

Fiji given 'way out' Ruling on hijack trial

Wellington - Ratu Sir Kamisese Mara, the former Prime Minister of Fiji, said yesterday the "fairest way" for his country might be to declare a republic yet remain within the Commonwealth...

Nagy remembered

Vienna (Reuters) - Hungary's unofficial opposition staged a demonstration in central Budapest to commemorate Imre Nagy, the government leader executed 29 years ago yesterday after Soviet troops crushed the 1956 uprising.

Police in flocks at sun spots

From Harry Debelius Madrid

Police, the first of thousands of reinforcements sent annually to protect holiday-makers from crime and terrorism, began to settle in flocks at hotels and boarding houses along Spain's Mediterranean coast yesterday.

By early July, 750 rookies, fresh from police academy, will join their colleagues on the coast. Before the summer is out about 3,500 policemen will have done temporary duty at holiday resorts.

Zones that are 'not a good idea'



Mr George Shultz, the US Secretary of State, sporting a day doll of the Philippines President at a press conference in Manila yesterday after a meeting with Mrs Aquino at the Malacañang Palace.

Kremlin arms expert speaks to The Times

Russia deflates hope of swift missiles accord in Geneva

From Christopher Walker, Moscow

The Soviet Union gave an unexpected warning yesterday that major obstacles still exist in the way of a superpower agreement on eliminating medium-range nuclear missiles from Europe...

In a 60-minute interview designed to deflate some of the current optimism about the imminent conclusion of such an historic agreement in Geneva, Mr Viktor Karpov, the leading Soviet arms control expert, told The Times that as a result of recent decisions in the West, he now had "mixed feelings" about whether such a treaty would be achieved.

Mr Karpov flatly rejected Nato claims that the American nuclear warheads mounted on the 72 West German Pershing 1A shorter-range missiles could be considered as "third country systems" which would remain outside the terms of a US-Soviet agreement.

He described the recent contribution of the British Government to the arms control process as "positive" and expressed the hope that now Mrs Thatcher had been re-elected, she might be able to use her influence to secure a reversal of the decision to retain the US-supplied warheads on the West German-owned rockets.

The former chief Soviet negotiator at Geneva was unequivocal about Moscow's insistence that the 72 warheads would have to be considered as part of any medium-range and shorter-range missile deal.

"This is a very serious issue because it violates the very principle of the zero option for SRINF missiles in Europe," he told me.

The force of Mr Karpov's objections took diplomats by surprise and ran counter to recent optimistic claims from Washington that the West German stand, taken on June 4, would not damage hopes for an early agreement.

The Soviet official, who was clearly speaking with full Kremlin authority, went on: "The decision is clearly absurd. The 72 warheads make up more than half of the 130 shorter-range missiles which you in Nato assess that we now have in Europe, and which we have agreed to become legalized, maybe in a year or two, the US will also be giving Pershing missiles to Britain, Italy or to other Nato countries, and will then give them warheads for the weapons. This is something totally contrary to what we now know as the zero-zero option."

Mr Karpov also outlined three other "serious obstacles" which he insisted still stood in the way of an INF deal, and which he said it was in "Washington's court" to solve. Only after they had been resolved, he said, could the last three months of work begin which would be necessary to finalize the treaty ready for signature at a superpower summit.

There was no immediate explanation for the gloomy attitude being adopted by Mr Karpov about the prospects for a speedy agreement. But Western observers saw it as an indication that Soviet negotiators were preparing to toughen their stand during the final rounds of the Euro-missile talks aware, as one put it, "of the political clock ticking away fast for the Reagan presidency".

Mr Karpov said that before securing Moscow's agreement, the US side would have to alter its insistence that 100 permitted remaining US medium-range nuclear warheads - equal in number to those the Soviet Union will be permitted to retain outside Europe - would be situated in Alaska, a part of the US which is in striking distance of the Soviet Union.

He said that the Kremlin had agreed to base its 100 missiles east of longitude 80 east, some 600 miles east of the Urals, and to deploy them in such a way that they could not hit either America or Western Europe. "We feel that ... the US should adopt the same or parallel restrictions on those based on their soil."

Mr Karpov also complained bitterly about America's insistence that the crucial first stage of Euro-missile reductions (the first undertaken by either superpower since the nuclear era began) should be undertaken during a period of two and a half to three years by the Soviet side alone.

Washington's stand arises from the fact that the Soviet Union has roughly twice as many medium-range warheads stationed in Europe, and the US is reluctant to start its cutback until numbers are about equal. The Soviet official also stated that Moscow would demand that the US destroy its warheads, rather than stick to its suggested plan of shipping the Pershing 2s back to the US and rebasing the cruise weapons at sea.

Mr Karpov said that the Soviet side also regarded as a potential obstacle an earlier US demand that it should be permitted to transform some of its medium-range Pershing 2s to shorter-range Pershing 1As. "It is not clear from President Reagan's latest statement whether this demand has now been dropped, but until it has, and the other three obstacles I have outlined have been taken away, we cannot really talk about an agreement being reached."

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Reagan courts Congress over his Gulf and budget policies

From Michael Binyon, Washington

President Reagan went to Congress yesterday to have lunch with sceptical senators and representatives in an effort to persuade them to back his policies in the Gulf and on the US budget.

His unusual visit came a day after he vigorously defended his controversial plan to protect Kuwaiti tankers in the Gulf, asserting in a nationwide broadcast that if the US did not do the job, the Russians would.

Mr Caspar Weinberger, the Defence Secretary, told Congress yesterday that US ships protecting the tankers would be authorized to use force "in the face of attack or hostile intent indicating imminent attack". He called the risks to US naval forces "moderate".

Mr Weinberger publicly released an unclassified version of a report President Reagan sent to Congress on Monday on US plans to protect the tankers. He told a closed session of the House foreign affairs committee that the plan was "a limited response to a very real threat".

Congressmen of both parties remain wary, however, and are trying to block the plan.

Senator Sam Nunn, the influential Democratic chairman of the Senate armed services committee, said yesterday the US was being "jerked around" by Kuwait. Replying to Mr Reagan's warning that the Russians would move in, he said on television: "Guess who invited the Soviets to come in? That was Kuwait, the same people we're now protecting."

On Sunday Senator Nunn had called for a delay in the reflagging plan, saying it would strongly tilt the US to Iraq's side in the Iran-Iraq war.

President Reagan said in his broadcast that the US role in the Gulf was vital. "Let there be no misunderstanding: we will accept our responsibility for these vessels in the face of threats by Iran or anyone else." If the US did not do so, it would abdicate its role as a naval power. "In a word: if we don't do the job, the Soviets will. And that will jeopardize our own national security as well as our allies."

He also announced that US negotiators at the arms control talks in Geneva would formally propose an agreement banning all US and Soviet shorter-range nuclear missiles. The proposal, which he said had been widely expected since the European allies agreed, somewhat reluctantly, to the "zero-zero" scrapping of nuclear

Tears as a Tamil finds refuge



A refugee Tamil woman crying on arrival at Rameswaram, southern India, after an all-night journey from Jaffna, Sri Lanka, to escape the trouble there. Hundreds of Sri-Lankan Tamils have sought refuge there in the past few weeks.

that Sri Lanka would seek an emergency meeting of the South Asian Association for Regional Cooperation to discuss India's intrusion into its air space earlier this month (AP reports from Delhi).

Indian officials have said they will fight efforts to bring bilateral issues before the SAARC forum. India chairs the group.

Colombo: Sri Lanka film stars marched through the streets yesterday to protest against the violation of the island's air space by Indian warplanes (Reuters reports).

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Captain faces further remand

From Christopher Mosey Stockholm

Captain Simon Hayward, of the Queen's Life Guards, arrested in Sweden three months ago on suspicion of drug smuggling, yesterday faced a further remand in custody with still no charges brought against him.

In a surprise move, Mr Ulf Forsberg, the Public Prosecutor in Uppsala, where Captain Hayward is being held, said he would now be applying either tomorrow or on Monday for a further remand.

Earlier, Mr Forsberg's office had said that a decision on whether to charge Captain Hayward would be taken today.

He has been in custody since March 13, when the Jaguar he was driving was stopped by Swedish police and found to contain 110 lb of cannabis with a street value of £500,000. He has always protested his innocence, insisting that he did not know the drug had been hidden in the car.

The Swedish judicial system contains no provision for bail.

Captain Hayward's lawyer, Mr Tom Placht, said he would plead for the release of his client if charges still cannot be brought.

Fifteen people are now under arrest on suspicion of belonging to a drug ring, which has smuggled cannabis into Sweden for several years.

Mr Placht said: "If he has smuggled drugs he has done it in an extremely amateurish way in complete contradiction to his education and training as a soldier."

He accused Mr Forbes Mitchell, of Aberdeen, one of the 15 arrested, of lying when he claimed in court last week that Captain Hayward knew about the cannabis. He alleged that Mr Mitchell was trying to "protect others".

An indication that the case against Captain Hayward was nearing completion came on Monday when the Stockholm paper Aftonbladet published the text of his deposition to police concerning the allegations of drug-running.

law would say it means Barbie ought to be freed.

The court will decide on the matter at the end of the trial. The Public Prosecutor, M Pierre Truche, contended himself yesterday with reminding the judge and jury that the decision would be theirs.

But three of the lawyers representing the civil plaintiffs against Barbie developed legal arguments against Maitre Verges' position. When one of them recalled the Nuremberg Tribunal's exhortation that Nazi war criminals "must be tracked down and brought to justice wherever they are and regardless of the time it takes," a woman spectator burst out clapping and was removed by police.

It may seem a little far-fetched from across the Channel but a lawyer involved in the trial was quoted at the weekend as saying that nine out of 10 French professors of

Korean students turn on the press

From David Watts, Seoul

Up to a thousand demonstrators gathered outside Seoul's Catholic cathedral for the seventh consecutive night last night to shout slogans against the Government and sing protest songs.

A heavy police presence at the cathedral, which has become a focal point of anti-government sentiment, was discreetly out of sight. Elsewhere in the country about 1,000 students from Kyongsang University in Chinju staged a demonstration and pelted police with stones.

The Roman Catholic Church in Seoul has said it does not wish to play host to student protesters any longer since their removal on Monday, but ordinary citizens now appear to see the cathedral and its precinct as a safe place from which to continue putting pressure on the Government.

At the Catholic Sogang University there were more clashes between students and police yesterday during which students pelted foreign media representatives with stones. One Associated Press photographer suffered a broken arm and a reporter got metal shrapnel in his legs after a tear gas grenade exploded right under his feet.

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Police say that 910 people were arrested throughout the country during Monday's disturbances and that 59 students and 282 police were injured.

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Israeli law overrides Koran, judge rules

From Ian Murray, Jerusalem

Israeli law on women's rights takes precedence over the Koran, the district court in Beersheba has ruled in sending a traditionalist Bedouin tribesman to prison for a week for bigamy and for raping his 16-year-old second wife.

In the first ruling of its kind in Israel, Judge Gilad Giladi said: "From this day onward, let the accused and members of his community be advised: no woman is the property or the chattel of any man. A woman has the right to refuse sex to any man, including her husband, and under no circumstances does he have the right to force himself on her."

The defendant was Salma Abu Jildan, aged 42, of the Azazme tribe. Last year he agreed with another tribesman that each would marry the other's teenage daughter. His own daughter, one of eight children by his first wife, accepted the agreement, but his teenage bride, Miss Fatma Abu Asa, wanted nothing to do with it.

Mr Haim Cazes, defending, cited 20 precedents in which a Bedouin's second wife had been accepted by Israeli courts as the equivalent of the mistress of a Jew. "My client had no idea he was doing anything wrong," he said.

Barbie's lawyer pins his hope on French legal loophole

From Michael McCarthy Lyons

Maitre Jacques Vergès, the defence lawyer of Klaus Barbie, having failed on Monday to turn the trial down his preferred path with the witnesses he had summoned, yesterday sought the help of French law.

He highlighted a possible loophole in the penal code through which, he contended, the wartime Gestapo chief of Lyons, even if found guilty of the "crimes against humanity" with which he is charged, must be allowed to step to immediate freedom once the trial is over.

The radical barrister's habitual effrontery did not disguise the fact that there is a com-

pllicated but serious point of law at stake which has given rise to concern among the prosecuting counsel in the Lyons Assize Court.

It is the French legal principle of "absorption of sentences" (confusion des peines) which provides that when an accused person is convicted successfully of several crimes, only the severest sentence passed for any one, and it alone, is applicable to them all.

Thus if a man were convicted for robbery and sentenced to 10 years' imprisonment, and later found guilty of another robbery for which he received three years, he would serve not 13 years but only 10; the second sentence would be "absorbed" by

the earlier, stiffer sentence, as long as all the crimes had been committed before the first sentence was passed.

Barbie is in this position. Twice, in 1952 and 1954, French courts have sentenced him to death in his absence for war crimes. But the death penalty was abolished in France in 1981. So whatever the outcome of the trial, the most Barbie can be sentenced to is life imprisonment, and this, being by any reckoning somewhat less severe than the guillotine, should be "absorbed" by the earlier death sentences.

To the immediate objection that the death sentence was never carried out on his Nazi client, Maitre Vergès yesterday put forward a judgement

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Gradual dawn of hope for would-be Soviet emigrants

By Caroline Moorehead

Last February, Mr Alex Zelichenok, an electronics engineer serving a three-year sentence in Kazakhstan, came home from labour camp. He had been released early, not having been due back until next summer. He returned with partial paralysis of his facial muscles, and has been told that he will be arrested again, this time for "parasitism", unless he finds work soon. But if the problems of his life are far from being resolved, at least he is back in Leningrad with his wife Galina, an engineer who is almost blind.

In 1978 the Zelichenoks applied to emigrate to Israel. They were turned down on grounds of "secrecy", since he had once worked for the military economy. Now that he is free, they will apply again. The question they ask themselves, as do the 10,000 or so others who have applied to go — Baptists, Soviet Germans, Pentecostals, Armenians, Jews — is whether, under the new mood of openness, their chances have improved. The answer would appear affirmative.

Arrests of dissidents, be they political reformers or banned teachers of religion, have dropped markedly. Last year people were still being arrested so frequently that a reliable count was often impossible. Human rights organizations in the West say there have been only a very few arrests since January.

More prisoners are being released, too. Among the families I saw in November when I went to the

Soviet Union to talk to human rights activists and would-be emigrants was that of Mr Vladimir Albrecht, the mathematician who set up Group 73 and became an underground crusading lawyer for Moscow dissidents. He had been serving a second sentence in labour camp for "malicious boogymenism" and was released in February. I saw the family of Mr Vladimir Lifshitz, the economist and Hebrew teacher held for "defaming the Soviet state", who is home; and that of Mr Vladimir Zinchenko, the twice-imprisoned pastor of Moscow's unregistered Baptists, who is now out of camp.

In February, after the release from internal exile of Dr Andrei Sakharov, two decrees provided for



Mr Alex Zelichenok reunited with his wife Galina after being freed from labour camp.

the pardoning of prisoners of conscience convicted of "anti-Soviet agitation" and "slandering the Soviet state". *Izvestia* announced that 140 prisoners of conscience were to be released, and about 150 others were to have their cases reviewed. Though the criteria for release were never set out and precise numbers are hard to come by, seven long-term prisoners held in psychiatric hospitals are known to have been let out. Amnesty International currently has just 144 religious and political prisoners on its books, while Keston College, which has been monitoring Soviet religious prisoners for the past decade, today publishes a new report showing that the religious prisoners they know of are down to 296, compared with 401 last August.

For those wanting to leave the Soviet Union, the position, in a fragile way, is also better. A community of 190 Pentecostals in the far east of the Soviet Union has been trying and failing to emigrate to West Germany for many years. One family was allowed to go recently; a second has just heard that it may follow them. Among the refugees, the Jews who have been consistently denied permission to emigrate to Israel, there are also small signs of change. Last month, 871 of them received visas to leave, compared with 49 in May 1986. Since the beginning of 1987, 2,296 have learnt that they may go, over the same period last year only 331 received visas.

Both the criminal justice system and legislation governing the activities of religious congregations

are under review. What this appears to mean is that the 18 offences which carry the death penalty in peacetime may now be reduced to exclude women, men over 60 and economic crime, and that the revised criminal codes could remove religious offences from the categories punishable by imprisonment. The numbers of people who now daily risk jail — for organizing study groups or teaching religion to children — could suddenly drop. The members of Hare Krishna, much persecuted in the Soviet Union, have also just been told that they may begin discussing possible registration, a necessary formality always previously denied them.

Not all aspects of human rights have improved.



Professor Alex Joffe and his wife Rosa. He may not reapply for a visa until 1993.

Labour camps continue to be as brutal as they were and the position of families who began trying to leave the Soviet Union in the 1970s remains unaltered. Professor Alex Joffe, mathematician and for many years outspoken leader of the refuseniks in Moscow, who first applied to leave in 1976 and has several times been on hunger strike, has just been told that he may not even reapply for a visa until 1993.

For him, and others like him, such as Mr Vladimir Filipov and his son Andrei, imprisoned dissenting Baptists from Leningrad, or Mr Viktor Fulmachi, a dissident mathematician, hope of change may lie only in one of the amnesties that traditionally accompany major anniversaries. This year the Soviet Union celebrates the 70th anniversary of the October Revolution, while next year is the 1,000th anniversary of the Christianization of the country. Though in the past pardons have not gone to prisoners of conscience, these anniversaries could possibly bring political or religious amnesties.

There is something else that appears to be changing. Visitors to the Soviet Union say that among the younger human rights activists there is a switch in direction. The days when foreign human rights groups appeared to speak on their behalf are over. "They don't want to feel patronized," explained Sally Laird, of *The Index on Censorship*, who has just returned from Moscow. "They want to bring about change themselves."

Anniversary of Soweto

Shops remain closed as South African blacks stage stayaway protest

From Michael Hornsby, Soweto

The vast majority of the 1.5 million inhabitants of Soweto, the sprawling black township near Johannesburg, stayed at home yesterday in peaceful observance of the 11th anniversary of the start of the 1976 rebellion by black schoolchildren.

Many shops and businesses in Johannesburg were closed or operating only with white staff because of the stayaway — a traditional form of black protest. For the first time many white-run companies agreed to recognize June 16 as a paid holiday for their black employees.

Most private schools in Johannesburg, which admit black pupils whose parents can afford the fees, were also closed — partly in deference to black sentiment and partly because of fear of possible unrest in this traditionally emotion-charged day.

Although large numbers of heavily armed police and troops patrolled the streets of Soweto, they exercised an unwonted restraint in refraining from breaking up several political meetings thinly disguised as commemorative church services.

The police also showed an unusual tolerance of press and television reporters, allowing them through the roadblocks mounted on roads leading into Soweto from early yesterday morning.

It was on June 16, 1976, that the police opened fire on a

large crowd of Soweto schoolchildren protesting against a government decree that Afrikaans had to be used as one of the languages of instruction in black secondary schools.

At least 575 young blacks died in clashes with the police which continued for many months in Soweto and elsewhere, foreshadowing the even more widespread civil unrest that began in Sharpeville.

Cape Town — The South African Government said yesterday it had banned posters issued by the White Liberation Movement, a new ultra-right group, calling for the eviction of all non-whites from the republic (Reuter reports). A government spokesman said the Publications Committee had judged them undesirable.

ville and other townships south of Johannesburg eight years later.

Mrs Albertina Sisulu, one of three national presidents of the United Democratic Front anti-apartheid movement, led a group of mourners at Soweto's main cemetery who laid wreaths on the grave of Hector Petersen, whose name, as the first child killed in 1976, has entered the folklore of black resistance. Mrs Sisulu, who is the wife of Mr Walter Sisulu, one of the best known of the jailed leaders of the outlawed African National Congress and a close associate of Mr Nelson Mandela, also

attended a service in a small Lutheran church in the Jabavu district of Soweto.

Several hundred people cheered Mr Samson Ndou, a senior official of the Congress of South African Trade Unions, the United Democratic Front's labour arm, as he urged them to turn Soweto into "a no-go area where the police, where the informers, where the sell-outs will not be able to enter."

Another speaker, Mr Rapu Molekane, the general secretary of the recently-formed South African Youth Congress, also drew cheers when he declared: "We must not pay a single cent of rent until Nelson Mandela and other political leaders come out of prison."

Hundreds of thousands of black tenants in more than 50 townships across South Africa have been refusing to pay rent and charges for electricity and water for a year or more. Last week the Government tabled a bill in Parliament which would force companies to deduct rent arrears from their black employees' wages and salaries, a move which business leaders have condemned as "a recipe for nation-wide industrial strife."

The stayaway from work was also reported to be widely effective in other black townships on the East and West Rand, but drew little support in the Western Cape and Natal.

India and China seek peace on border

From Robert Grieses, Peking

Mr Nain Dutt Tiwari, India's Foreign Minister, said yesterday that his country and China are committed to maintaining "peace and tranquillity" along their disputed border.

Mr Tiwari made his remarks at Peking Airport before returning to Delhi after two days of talks in the Chinese capital. During his unofficial visit Mr Tiwari met Mr Wan Li, who is acting Prime Minister while Mr Zhao Ziyang tours East Europe, and Mr Li Shuqing, a deputy foreign minister.

Mr Tiwari said that he did not think China had taken a negative position in calling on India to withdraw its troops who have crossed a 1959 line of territorial control between



The two countries. "They state their case. We state our case. That helps us identify issues."

Sino-Indian tension along the border this year has reached its highest level since the month-long war the two countries fought in 1962. Each side has accused the other of initiating menacing troop movements.

India adheres to the McMahon Line, drawn up by officials of the British Raj in

1913-1914. China has never recognized the McMahon line, preferring instead a 1959 boundary that gives it more territory south of the line.

In a meeting with Mr Tiwari on Monday Mr Wan urged the two countries to "do their best" to maintain peace and stability along their common border and to avoid provocations. "There is no reason for us not to maintain friendship," he said. "The boundary question should be settled through friendly consultations, mutual consideration and accommodation."

Both sides have denied increasing troop strength in the remote mountainous region that divides China's Tibet from India's Arunachal Pradesh state.

In a separate development, the front pages of two official Chinese newspapers yesterday

carried Japan's regret over remarks reportedly made by a senior Japanese Foreign Ministry official that Peking has described as "malicious attacks" on Mr Deng Xiaoping, China's paramount leader.

People's Daily and the English-language *China Daily* reported that Mr Kunihiko Makita, director of the Japanese Foreign Ministry's China division, on Monday night conveyed Japan's regret over the comments to Mr Lu Qi, a counsellor at the Chinese Embassy in Tokyo.

Two weeks ago the unnamed Japanese official reportedly said that Mr Deng, who has been highly critical of Japanese economic and defence policies, did not necessarily represent China's leaders and was "living in the clouds".

Bonn protests to Poles over shelling of ship

From John England, Bonn

The West German Foreign Ministry yesterday called in the Polish Ambassador to the West German Navy supply ship, Neckar, by a Polish corvette in the Baltic on Monday.

The West German Ambassador in Warsaw would also lodge an official complaint with the Polish Government over the shooting, the chief West German Government spokesman, Herr Friedhelm Ost, told a press conference.

In Warsaw a short while later Mr Jerzy Urban, the Polish Government spokesman, said an inquiry into the shooting had begun. The Pol-

Opposition finds time for voters in Adelaide

From Stephen Taylor, Adelaide

Australia is more than 30 times larger than the United Kingdom, and politicians are required to cover much ground in a federal election campaign. Not enough, however, for many in this gracious and attractive city, who feel they are being short-changed.

Adelaide is one of six state capitals, and the fifth-largest Australian city, but voting here has traditionally followed established patterns. So while both Mr Bob Hawke, the Prime Minister, and Mr John Howard, the Opposition leader, are campaigning hard in marginal constituencies in Sydney and Melbourne, they have found little time to spare for Adelaide.

To be fair, Mr Howard was here for a few hours yesterday. He appeared on a radio talkback programme, spent a few minutes parrying the challenges of local journalists, and raced through a shopping precinct where he shook some 93 hands in a little over 12 minutes. Then he was whisked off to Perth on the western seaboard, where he was to unveil the Liberals' health policy.

If Mr Howard looked somewhat grim yesterday it was not surprising. With less than four weeks until polling, the tax policy he announced last week, which is to be the centrepiece of the Liberal campaign, has failed to secure the endorsement from the business community or the media that the Opposition sought.

For voters the appeal of Mr Howard's promised tax cut of AS26 (EIL20) a week for the average wage earner has been blunted by estimates of what it will cost in health, welfare and education services.

According to a poll carried out for *The Australian* newspaper and published yesterday, the Liberals have made no gains at all from Labor as a result of the policy. The poll showed 54 per cent of voters giving their first preference to Labor, followed by 32 per cent for the Liberals, and 7 per cent for the National Party. This compares with returns in the December 1984 election of 47 per cent, 34 per cent and 10 per cent respectively.

Part of the problem is the chronic state of disarray that the Liberals and Nationals — the conservative parties — have got themselves into. And decent and honest a politician though Mr Howard is, his awkward manner on walkabouts compares unfavourably with Mr Hawke's apparently convivial glad-handing.

At least 22 drowned as tourist boat sinks

Seoul (AP) — A sightseeing boat packed with tourists sank off the southern coast of South Korea yesterday after a fire broke out in the engine room.

Navy and maritime police recovered 22 bodies, but news reports said that at least 45 people were missing, and possibly more. Flares and boats were searching for survivors.

Arms scandal

Berne (Reuters) — An Indian delegation has discussed ways of gaining access to banking records with Swiss officials, amid reports of a Swiss connection with the allegations that Bofors, the arms giant, paid \$40 million to agents to win a huge weapons contract in India.

Postal strike

Ottawa (Reuters) — Striking postal workers set up picket lines in Montreal and Calgary yesterday to begin a series of strikes after negotiators failed to reach a new contract by a midnight deadline.

Talks put back

Madrid (Reuters) — A fresh round of Anglo-Spanish talks on Gibraltar scheduled later this month has been postponed until September as it would have coincided with the EEC summit in Brussels.

Life terms

Sydney (AFP) — The packed public gallery in a Sydney court broke into spontaneous applause yesterday when five killers, three of them brothers, were condemned to life imprisonment for abducting, raping and then killing Anita Cobby, a nurse and former Sydney beauty queen.

Arms curb

Oslo (Reuters) — Norway is planning tough new restrictions on exports to the Soviet bloc, after its state-owned arms firm sold Moscow highly-sensitive computer gear capable of making submarine propellers almost silent.

Four shot

Reggio di Calabria (AP) — Domenico Battaglia, a 41-year-old farm worker, went berserk and shot and killed his two sisters, one of them mute and paralyzed, and a bedridden deaf-mute brother before shooting himself in the head.

Holy terror

Colombo (AFP) — Sri Lankan Buddhism's holiest elephant, 81-year-old Raja, ran amok, smashing up a shop and scattering passers-by.

Ministers tackle world drug curse

From Richard Bassett, Vienna

The first international conference at ministerial level on drug abuse and illicit trafficking opens here today under the auspices of the United Nations. It will last two weeks.

Mr Douglas Hogg, MP, Britain's Parliamentary Under Secretary of State at the Home Office, will address the conference's opening session. He is supported by a team of police, Home Office and Customs officials who have over the years built up an expertise in combating drug offenders which is regarded with considerable respect in the international community. British police officers and Home Office experts regularly train and advise drug squads in South America and the Caribbean.

Britain, by allowing the confiscation of the assets of convicted drug traffickers, is also seen as one of the few countries which has legislation capable of crippling drug dealers in the long term.

Increased international cooperation will be the theme of

the conference. The drug dealer, as diplomats from several countries were at pains to point out yesterday is "a citizen of the world". He can be effectively liquidated only through joint international efforts. Britain will be pressing for more money for the UN fund for drug-abuse control. The fund has been used to encourage crop substitution in areas of Asia and South America which normally only produce crops for drugs.

Allied to the conference is an exhibition of drug detection devices. Britain is showing its celebrated drug detection machine "Cedric" as well as devices, and much advice, for dealing with those drug importers who swallow quantities of cocaine before going through Customs.

The delegations will be confronted with books of apocalyptic statistics illustrating the growth of the international drug trade and the need for urgent and quite radical action to combat it.

Seaside government for Italy until holidays end

From Roger Boyes, Rome

Listen to Guido. "Who needs them, these fat cats? They take our money and then expect votes." Clip, clip. "I tell you what I would do. I'd buy a cruise liner, put every Italian politician on it — and send it around the world until they either kill each other or find a government."



Guido is my barber. It was time I found one. Every foreign correspondent here has one, just as New York reporters have taxi drivers, and Moscow hands have dissidents; they are the authentic voice of the people. Mine is almost a dwarf, sympathises with the Communists, loves Italy's two most important foreigners, the

Pope and Diego Maradona, hates politicians and does not vote.

After the latest elections it seems that Italy's politicians may indeed take up a variant of Guido's proposal. Exhausted by a crisis that has lasted since March 3, when Signor Bettino Craxi resigned as Prime Minister, they are thinking more about sea and sun than about government.

The relative balance of forces between the parties has barely changed — the only real change is in the sourness of the atmosphere — and the crisis, the only absolutely predictable element in Italian politics, goes on. The politicians will have to agree on a *governo salutare* — literally a seaside government — which will keep the country going until the politicians have come back from summer holidays and tempers have cooled. This is a more practical version of the Guido model.

The temporary changes in Italy's political complexion are as follows: The Communists have lost about 2.5 per cent of the vote, some of it to

CHAMBER OF DEPUTIES

Parties	1983	Seats	1987	Seats
Christian Democrats	32.9	225	34.3	234
Communists	25.9	198	26.6	177
Socialists	11.4	73	14.3	94
Italian Social Movement	6.8	42	5.9	35
Republicans	5.1	29	3.7	21
Social Democrats	4.1	23	3.4	17
Liberals	2.9	16	2.1	11
Radicals	2.2	11	2.6	13
Proletarian Democracy	1.5	7	1.7	8
Greens	-	-	2.5	13

Remaining seats scattered among smaller parties.

SENATE

Parties	1983	1987
Christian Democrats	32.4	33.6
Communists	30.8	28.3
Socialists	11.4	10.9
Italian Social Movement	7.3	8.5
Republicans	4.7	3.8
Social Democrats	3.8	2.4
Liberals	2.7	2.2
Radicals	1.9	1.8
Proletarian Democracy	1.1	1.5
Greens	-	2.0

The rest of the votes were scattered among smaller parties.

the new anti-nuclear Greens party. The Christian Democrats remain the largest party but have increased their share of the vote only marginally, by 0.9 per cent. In other words, they have not won back the voters they lost in 1983 after a couple of years of corruption and freemasonry scandals.

The Socialists of Signor Craxi have jumped 3 per cent

preceding the election. Second, everyone needs a holiday. These are the main options open:

● The five-party coalition which ran the country between 1983 and this year, with the Christian Democrats and the Socialists calling the tune. Relations between these two parties have been at rock bottom. Now Signor Craxi, with a bigger chunk of the vote will be even tougher in his demands for cabinet posts and for the premiership. This coalition — the so-called *penta partito* — has the best chance of survival, but for it to be formed at all the Christian Democrats will have to become a model of Christian tolerance and sacrifice. In short, they will have to give the Socialists more or less anything they ask for.

● The "historic compromise" — that is, a Christian Democratic government, perhaps with smaller allies, tolerated by the Communists. Both the Christian Democrat and Communist leaderships have excluded the possibility — but they did so before the election. Startling changes of mind, or of leadership, can occur after

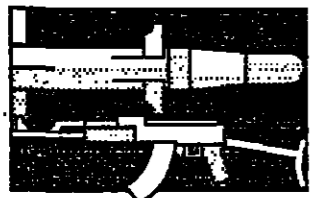
elections. The attraction of the compromise, especially for Christian Democrats, is that it pushes Signor Craxi firmly into the cold.

● A centre-left coalition. A weakened Communist Party and an invigorated Socialist Party might just make this feasible. If Signor Craxi were allowed to dominate such a coalition — firmly anchoring the government in the western alliance — then Communists could conceivably be given access to the leadership. This is one of the most enduring nightmares of the United States Government, and indeed of the Pope and other West European conservatives.

● If all fails, the Socialists could try to cobble something together with the other smaller parties — the Republicans, the Social Democrats, the Liberals and the Greens — and try to survive as a minority government, with the Communists agreeing not to pose a no-confidence vote in Parliament. This final arrangement would be congenitally unstable, and would simply be a continuation of the crisis by other means.

Arms and Iran: the secret deals

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INSIDE THE ARMS TRADE
PART 1

A massive, worldwide arms trade keeps Iran, Iraq and others supplied with weapons.

Robert Fisk begins a *Times* investigation which

will show how, with dubious documents and the tacit compliance of governments, Iran buys weapons worth \$250 million each month

Andrew Undershaft, the rich and reprobate arms dealer in Shaw's *Major Barbara*, was a professional in more senses than one. His article of faith was "to give arms to all men, to offer an honest price for them, without respect of person or principles". Had President Reagan and Robert McFarlane, his former National Security Advisor, followed Undershaft's advice and avoided becoming entangled in moral arguments, the United States administration's position over arms for hostages might look a little less ambiguous.

the mercantile abilities of the world's arms manufacturers. A selection gives something of the flavour: battle tank armour from the United Kingdom (1983), six Super-Eclair fighter bombers from France (October 1983), SS-12 missiles from the Soviet Union (January 1984), SS-21 missiles from the Soviet Union (May 1984), multiple rocket launchers from Brazil (June 1984), 500lb cluster bombs from Chile (flown out of Santiago aboard an Iraqi Airways 747 in 1984), Marcel Dassault, the French arms magnate, announced last September the sale of 24 Mirage F-1 jet fighters to Iraq.

around the country must be even more limited than usual; even then permission is needed to travel.

It is as if there is an understanding on such matters, an unspoken commitment not to pry into the affairs of arms dealers or their customers, into the weapons empire which needs secrecy in order to create demand, war in order to stimulate growth. It is a droll world of paper and procurement lists forwarded by largely anonymous men in ministries of defence.

One 10-page Iranian procurement list handed to *The Times* demands specific spare parts for Soviet-made tanks, from grid frames to "third and fourth inverting glued lenses in frame", from telescopic sights to headlights, from range finders to turret motors.

The Times has been shown hundreds of such documents emanating from Iran, some bearing the letterhead of the armed forces headquarters in Tehran, others - when the broker acting for the Iranians wishes to keep his identity secret - typed anonymously on plain paper. In this way, tank tracks and gun barrels and McDonnell-Douglas spare parts become, sometimes quite literally, the liquid assets of big business of a source of international barter.

You can exchange guns for money or oil for military favours - or even hostages.

There is nothing very special about the principle. Long before President Reagan carried through the Iranian missile deal, Syria was funneling weapons to Iran in return for shipments of cheap and sometimes free crude oil. Chancellor Schmidt was only just restrained from selling German tanks to Saudi Arabia under an oil barter deal - which, with falling oil prices, would have cost his country more than it pays now.

War, too, throws up its own special barter. Early in their invasion of Iran in 1980, the Iraqis captured dozens of British-made Chieftain tanks from their opponents, many of them undamaged. But they were too sophisticated for the Iraqis, so they were transported to Jordan where, because they officially belonged to the Jordanian armed forces, the tanks were repaired and overhauled by British technicians.

At least one British arms manufacturer believes the tanks were then secretly returned to Baghdad, for use in the Iraqi war effort, but Israeli military specialists believe that they remained in Jordan - as part payment for King Husain's generosity in allowing Iraq to ship its Soviet weapons supplies through the Jordanian port of Aqaba.

The oldest criterion of guns for money motivates the big manufacturers, be they "legally" or "illegally" sold to the Middle East. The inverted commas are necessary for an

Some of the weapons are sold under "existing arms contracts" - Moscow's

'Spare parts become the liquid assets of big business or a means of barter'

favourite phrase for a continuation of shipments to a lucrative buyer like Iraq - others carry that special "defensive" dog-tag that ensures innocence on the part of the vendor. Last year, Plessey agreed a £240 million deal to supply radar to Iran, equipment which would - or so the British were promised - be used on Iran's frontier with the Soviet Union and Afghanistan.

Asked how the British Government could be sure that the radar would not be used against Iraq on the western frontier, the Ministry of Defence told *The Times*: "We have diplomats in Tehran who can go out and check these things." But Britain's diplomatic presence in Iran is confined to an "interests section" of the Swedish embassy and, given the recent events which have produced tit-for-tat expulsions, the ability of British officials to move



End user: a Soviet-made Kalashnikov rifle in the hands of a Palestinian boy in Beirut

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	1-28	collar
	1-29	Plate
	1-35	Nut
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Part of an Iranian procurement list passed to an Austrian dealer and obtained by *The Times*; and a TOW missile of the type the US supplied to Iran during the arms-for-hostages negotiations



intended for military use can be classed as ordinary civilian exports.

In this way, Gansel says, the Germans have sold pontoon bridges to the Iranians and technical equipment which can be used for domestic arms production to both Iraq and Iran. One of Israel's foremost experts on armoured warfare - retired Colonel Zeev Eitan, of the Jaffa centre at Tel Aviv University - has told *The Times* that the British Government allowed the sale of two military landing craft to Iran in 1984 because they were "required for logistical purposes and designed to evacuate casualties" rather than for offensive action.

In theory, the documentation involved in any arms deal should ensure that no tank, plane or gun can leave a quayside or railhead anywhere in Europe or America without public knowledge. It is an illusion fostered by the false credit that we place in paper bureaucracy and the openness of democratic governments; in practice, the secrecy of arms dealers is infectious and extends to ministries.

Even the British authorities are discreet, dutifully issuing annual lists of military exports under armoured fighting vehicles, tanks, artillery, side-arms, revolvers, bombs and gun barrels. Unlike other export details, the lists fail to specify to which countries the weapons have been sold. Britain's Department of Trade and Industry refuses to discuss individual export licence applications from arms companies.

Nor is it likely that the abused system of end-user certificates is going to be reformed. How, after all, can you reform so prodigal a document? Hamilton Spence, managing director of the Manchester arms manufacturer Interarms, which sells weap-

ons to the Gulf states, says that his firm seeks arms export applications from the British Government three times a week "and has never been refused". But he adds, rather disarming, that "there is no such thing as an end-user certificate because there is no such international document."

"The government which is to receive an arms order says that it is the recipient and usually promises not to re-export. A copy of this document goes into the British diplomatic bag from London back to the country concerned, where a British embassy official will check that the document is real."

The gentle simplicity of this process does not impress Major Robert Elliot, of the International Institute for Strategic Studies in London. "There is no distinction between legal and illegal arms unless there is a criminal act, which means smuggling," he says. "But if you have an end-user certificate from the people to whom you say you are sending your arms - a document that promises the weapons will not fall into evil hands - then the shipment is illegal only if the arms disappear before they reach their stated destination. What happens to them after that is a different matter... all governments realize that, which is why the arms trade cannot be stopped."

'In practice, the secrecy of the arms dealers is infectious and spreads to ministries'

"illegal" arms export is difficult to define in a world of dishonoured end-user certificates and government compliance. Sweden is currently squeezing its conscience over an admission by Bofors that it broke Swedish restrictions on Middle East arms sales by selling surface-to-air missiles to Bahrain and Dubai, via a Singapore company in which Nobel Industries, Bofors' parent, holds a 40 per cent interest.

It is Austria, though, that now attracts the attention of European arms brokers, and it provides a case study in moral pragmatism.

The Germans say that Austria, despite strict rules of neutrality, increasingly shows up on lists of official and black-market shipments of weapons to the Middle East. A few months ago the Vienna magazine *Bizia* discovered Austrian artillery pieces stacked in containers on a Yugoslav harbour, officially en route to Libya but apparently destined for Iran. The GHN-45 guns, each with a range of 40 kilometres, had an end-user certificate showing they were to go to Tripoli in Libya, but the firing instructions attached to the weapons were all written in Persian.

cannot send weapons to countries with strong political tensions. But Libya and the Middle East are not officially "a region of tension". And if a company has equipment that produces 99 per cent war materiel, the 1 per cent for civilian use will get through.

In this way, Pilz claims, another Austrian firm, Steyr, has helped to build an ammunition plant in Iraq with assistance from British and Polish companies. "In the Hirtenberger plant, I have seen 5.56mm ammunition boxes being addressed to the ministry of defence in Iran," Pilz says. "I was told that one of the problems at the company is preventing Iranian and Iraqi officials meeting each other by accident when they tour the plant."

Norbert Gansel, of the German Green Party, claims that a Bavarian helicopter company succeeded in selling them first to Austria, where technicians fitted electronics systems demanded by the Iraqi air force. They thus left Germany as civilian machines and finished their journey in Iraq as military equipment. Gansel, like Pilz, identifies the dealer's loophole as the system of "multiple goods" under which bridges, trucks and clothes

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Throwing the book

Illyd Harrington, Labour's flamboyant former GLC chairman, is 10,000 words into a "poisonous" inside story of life at the GLC before and after Ken Livingstone's leadership coup.

After the sack

Lord Hailsham, our venerable ex-Lord Chancellor, has confessed that though he will miss the work and miss the official car, he will not miss the Woolpack.

Fewer joys

Dublin's Joyce Tower museum yesterday celebrated Bloom's Day by serving the breakfast described in the opening of Ulysses: kidneys, strong knotty gizzards, stuffed roast heart, cod's roe, tea and fried bread.

Lambeth balk

The National Secular Society, for 120 years the scourge of the established church, has at last woken up to the iniquities of an Anglican tradition that dates back to the Reformation.

Mr Iain Sproat

Iain Sproat's libel action against me has finally been settled. In April 1984 I wrongly accused Mr Sproat of failing to tell N. M. Rothschild, his employer, that he was about to leave to take up the chairmanship of Genair.

How candour could be Thatcher's ally

by Graham Mather

Some of Mrs Thatcher's most radical proposals proved difficult to sell during the election campaign. The relief was unmistakable as attention swung away from education and housing relatively early in the campaign.

How candour could be Thatcher's ally

by Graham Mather

Adopting this approach, the President can put a gap between himself and departments or task forces charged with bringing forward proposals to tackle difficult and controversial issues.

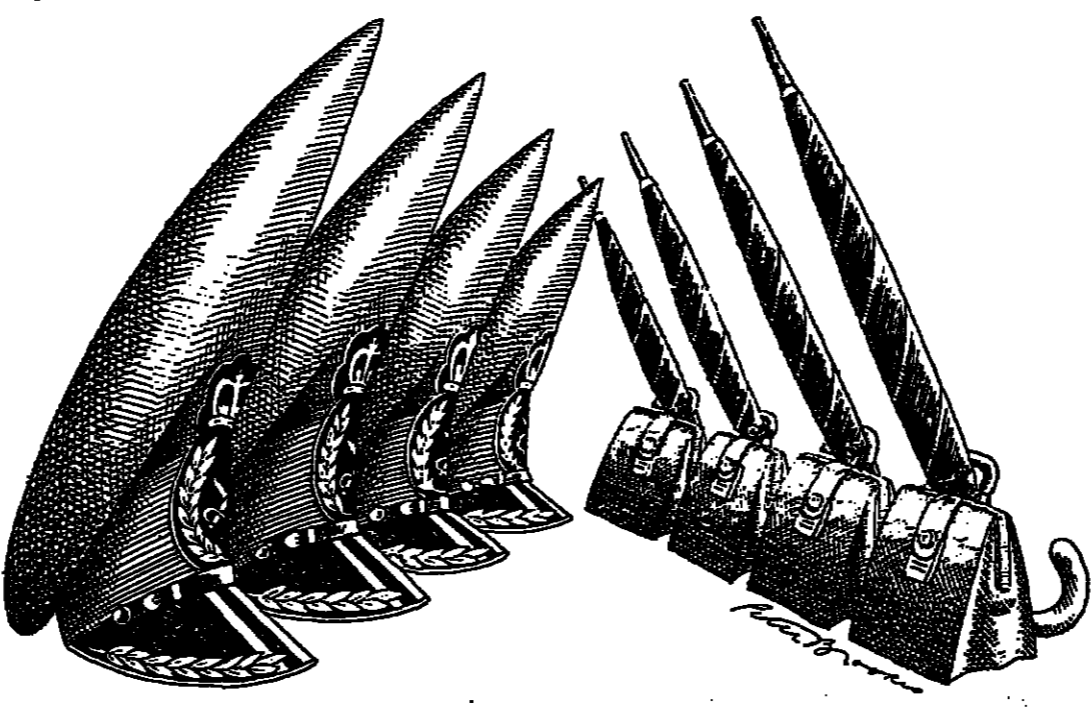
Parents before platforms

Digby Anderson

Professor Richard Whitfield of the National Campaign for the Family has complained that politicians of all parties neglected the family during the election campaign.

Michael Evans on the clash between politicians and military over INF

Within the next few months President Reagan and Mr Gorbachov are expected to sign an agreement eliminating intermediate range nuclear missiles from Europe.



Hanging on to the nuclear umbrella

to maintain the West's deterrent capability. In 1979 they considered that a gap existed in the spectrum of Nato deterrence because, in the European theatre, only the F111 bombers were available as a counter to the Soviet SS20s.

NHS: a matter of life and death

benefits on which to base these decisions. Professor Maynard says such decisions can be made only if detailed information is available on the cost effectiveness of different treatments in relation to their outcome.

When I was 00-Eleven

however... Joseph Connolly

I have just finished reading John Gardner's sixth and latest Ernest Bond book, and it brought back a flood of memories. I first encountered James Bond when I was 11, and coming hard on the heels of Jennings and Darbshire he was a revelation.

PHS

Windows of Peter Walker's London home opposite - you may recall - the SDP HQ, are often adorned by gung-bo posters designed by one of his children. Yesterday, I am told, a new sign appeared: "We love Wales."

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TAX CUTS FOR JOBS

Among many vignettes of the election campaign, the message for Mr Kinnock from a small employer, during a radio phone-in, sticks in the mind.

He pointed out to the Labour leader that higher taxation would inevitably reduce his profitability, restrict his investment and ultimately force him to cut his workforce. It would therefore not be employment-creating, but unemployment-creating.

Mr Kinnock's response was to say that his questioner surely did not run his business just in order to make money. The questioner insisted that he did not go through all the trouble for any other reason. Mr Kinnock's incomprehension was complete. He did not seem to understand, or believe, that lessening the head of the firm's incentive to work also lessened the firm's contribution to employment.

There could be no better demonstration of the importance of tax cuts for jobs. During the last Parliament the Chancellor, Mr Nigel Lawson, brought down the corporation tax rate to one of the lowest levels in the developed world and cut the rate for small companies even further. Although the change was meant neither to cost nor to raise money, the result has been a strong rise in revenue.

For unincorporated businesses, which include many of the seedcorn enterprises of the economy, income tax rather than corporation tax is what matters. Although the top rate on earned income was brought down in 1979 from 83 per cent to 60 per cent, revenue, as in the case of corporation tax, has remained buoyant, with the proportion of tax contributed by the top 5 per cent of incomes higher, not lower.

There are several reasons for this encouraging buoyancy in the face of tax cuts. First, the lower the rate the less incentive to hide income away. As well as promoting honesty among taxpayers, lower rates create a new deprived class of out-of-work accountants and tax lawyers and encourage firms to pay their employees properly rather than giving them perks.

Lower rates also increase the incentive to earn. The effect on incentives has long been argued over by economists because there is also

an effect in the other direction arising from the increased value of pay packets if tax rates fall. But it is striking how the proportion of managers' pay linked to performance has risen since the cut in top rates made performance-related pay more worthwhile.

As the Chancellor begins mulling over the options for the first Budget of the new Parliament he should not be deflected from putting cuts in the top rates high on the agenda. The next Budget backed by a fresh majority must be the right moment for such a move. The political hurdles have become a little less forbidding because of the cut in US rates and the fears which this arouses of a brain drain.

As always, there are competing priorities which will have to be carefully weighed for their political and economic appeal. One is the fulfillment of the pledge to reduce the basic rate to 25p in the pound which benefits everyone paying tax. And beyond the 25p target there is the possibility of further reductions.

There is also the important question of incentives at the bottom end of the scale. A lower basic rate reduces the shock effect of coming into taxation. And the Social Security Act reforms will reduce the size of the poverty and unemployment traps by switching eligibility to income net of tax, thus avoiding the worst effects of the interaction of tax and benefit scales. But on the tax side the most effective way of reducing high marginal rates at the bottom end is by lifting taxpayers clear of the benefit scales by increasing allowances. The planned reform in the taxation of husband and wife involved big increases in personal allowances: if that is no longer going to take place there may still be a case for increasing allowances.

The scope for making any tax cuts at all is entirely dependent on continuing healthy expansion in the economy. If inflation is allowed to take off, the economy will falter and the scope for tax cuts dwindle. At this stage of the year there can be no certainty that the £3 billion which has been pencilled-in will still be available when the time comes. But assuming it is, cuts in the higher rates should remain high on the agenda.

EXPLOSIVE KOREAN MIXTURE

Scenes of civil disturbance beamed around the world are not the sort of advertisement any government wants. When that government is preparing to be host to the Olympic Games, they are especially unwelcome. Yet the South Korean government has only itself to blame.

President Chun Doo-hwan, who took power in a military coup eight years ago, has ever since faced the conflicting needs to establish himself as a constitutional ruler and to ensure that he and his party — styled, inappropriately, the Democratic Justice Party — cannot be toppled. The result, enshrined in the 1981 constitution, has been an uncomfortable compromise which has whetted the public appetite for democratic reform, while denying the one reform that might give substance to democracy — direct presidential elections by universal suffrage.

This has now become the chief political demand of democratically-minded South Koreans, and as February, 1988, draws closer — the month when President Chun's term in office is due to expire — their calls grow ever more insistent. If President Chun is to hand over power on time — and so become the first South Korean head of state to relinquish power voluntarily — elections must be held before the end of the year. Without constitutional change, these will be indirect elections for an electoral college that is almost certain to make Mr Chun's nominee president.

The Democratic Justice Party's nomination last week of Mr Roh Tae Woo, a close military associate of the President, to be the party's next presidential candidate, was seen as a rebuff to the cause of reform and sparked off the most recent violent demonstrations. Mr Roh has appeared more amenable to the idea of

eventual constitutional change than President Chun, but neither has offered significant reform before the elections — the single reason for change now and not later.

The choice of Seoul as the venue for the 1988 Olympics has only exacerbated the problem. South Korea competed to be host to the Olympics for the same reason as other countries: to boost national prestige and gain international acceptance. But, given South Korea's domestic political volatility and the hostility of North Korea, the selection of Seoul was a risk.

The unrest, if it continues, is likely to discourage attendance at the Games; it is therefore a potentially powerful card in the hands of the domestic opposition. A similar thought has clearly occurred to North Korea, which has periodically angled to stage some of the events and so share the glory. If disappointed, however, it might resort to sabotage — and where North Korea is concerned, sabotage means just that. The choice of Seoul as an Olympic venue looks as unwise now as when it was announced.

Some countries — South Korea among them — seem able to tolerate a remarkably high incidence of civil unrest with a correspondingly high degree of repression, until eventually something suddenly snaps.

The conjunction of an undemocratic transfer of power and the potential publicity offered by the Seoul Olympics is an explosive mixture. President Chun and his designated successor might be well advised to seek a compromise on the constitution now, if Seoul 1988 is to be remembered as the year of the Olympics rather than the year in which an incipient democracy was crushed.

A PUBLIC MATTER

"It is inconceivable that there will not be an independent and wholly impartial inquiry into the way Greenwich social services discharged their duty," said the trial judge, Mr Justice Steyn, summing up the case of the prolonged torture and brutal murder of the four-year-old girl, Kimberley Carlisle, by the man who lived with her mother. The judge left no doubt that he expected an inquiry to be held in public.

Most people will have assumed that this would follow. But it is not to be. Mr Louis Blom-Cooper, QC, who was asked by the health and social services authorities of the London Borough of Greenwich to chair the inquiry, has decided that the hearings should be in private, with a public report afterwards.

He has done so after lawyers representing the social services and health visiting staff argued that a public inquiry would become a trial by media which some witnesses might refuse to attend, since there are no powers to oblige them to do so. That decision is wrong.

Mr Blom-Cooper has said that he has made it so that more witnesses should come forward with evidence they would not necessarily give in public. There may be a few such. But it is unlikely that this sort of evidence would be of the most useful kind for preventing a recurrence of anything like this appalling case.

What is much more important is that those who had direct responsibility should give a public account of how they construed and performed their duties. Lessons for the future could then be drawn from their evidence. If they refused to go to the panel, or to answer particular questions, or if they answered them evasively, that itself would have told the informed public something of importance.

It is not simply that justice should be seen to be done and that a private hearing, with only a public report by the panel afterwards, undermines public confidence. The Director of

Social Services for Greenwich, Mr Martin Manby, said at the end of the trial that, looking back, he recognized that "the council could have taken different actions that might have changed the course of events. We had a legal duty to investigate. We did that promptly, but ultimately unsuccessfully." The public should be able to judge for themselves what could have been done differently from the evidence of those directly involved.

The public is entitled to have direct access to the facts so that, in interaction with the politicians, an informed judgement can be reached on how the professionals responsible for the safety of children at risk see their obligations, whether they fully understand or act on the powers they have, and whether they need more. The facts are also needed for an informed assessment of the professional attitudes and standards of social workers.

The chilly jargon of some social workers, their inability to use straight words to describe simple facts and situations, their refuge in bureaucratic formulations as an escape from awkward confrontations, all combined to strike a blow at public confidence at the time of the trial. The successful appeal of their representatives that the inquiry should be in private will do nothing to restore confidence in them.

They are not a profession in the same sense that say, doctors are. But that makes it all the more important that they should not take refuge in an arcane approach to their occupation under which nobody but themselves are to be judges of conduct which seems to have no fixed points of reference. It was within the power of the Secretary of State, under the Child Care Act of 1980 to set up an inquiry in public into how the social services functioned in this case. It is a pity he chose not to do so.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Revisions along 'the great divide'

From the Reverend Robert Llewelyn

Sir, Whilst a North-South divide is not disputed, commonly heard phrases such as "the great divide" can only serve to aggravate and harden the situation. The maps we are often shown serve us badly. If you see a map of England with the North solidly red and the South solidly blue, it is easy to think that they are all Labour up there and all Tory down below.

What is needed is a map dotted regionally with small blue, red, gold, etc. circles. According to figures published today, the north of England would have circles in the proportion of 42 red, 38 blue, and 21 gold. In the Midlands and South the proportion would be 24 red, 51 blue, and 24 gold.

If we were allowed to absorb such a map on our television screens we would be left with a very different but much truer picture. Proportional representation in terms of parliamentary seats may not be feasible. But to have it in our minds can do nothing but good for the unity of the nation.

Yours faithfully,
ROBERT LLEWELYN,
80A King Street,
Norwich, Norfolk,
June 13.

From Mr J. C. Griffiths

Sir, It is interesting to note how closely the pattern of voting in the recent election parallels the division of England in the Civil War. Then, the opposition to the Roundheads came from Wales, the North-east and the South-west, while their support was vested in London, the South-east and the home counties — with the main contests taking place in the Midlands.

If we read "Hardheads" for Roundheads, we may accept that the mainspring of the opposition to them rests, similarly, on sentiment, fuelled by geography and economics, rather than politics. I am, etc.
J. C. GRIFFITHS,
2 Grosvenor Road,
Sketty,
Swansea, West Glamorgan,
June 15.

From Mr Iain Mackintosh and Mr Fred Mackintosh

Sir, The frontier reverts to the Fosse Way, a boundary drawn from Lincoln to Exeter in AD 47 between the barbarians and civilisation. To the south and east the Tories have a majority of 175 over all other parties, to the north and west Labour plus the Alliance and the Celtic nationalists a majority of 67 over Tories.

Further north, at the battle at Mons Graupius in AD 84, the winning side was reminded by their general that it had been eight years since the start of his con-

quest of Britain, while the opposing tribes were exhorted by their commander with the line Tacitus made famous: "Solitudinem faciunt pacem appellant" — "They make a desert and call it peace", "economic prosperity" perhaps being more apposite than "peace".

Somewhat later, Macaulay recorded the famous victory for militant puritanism at Naseby: Oh, wherefore, come ye forth in triumph from the north. With your hands, and your feet, and your raiment all red?

Yours faithfully,
IAIN MACKINTOSH,
FRED MACKINTOSH,
2 Sibella Road, SW4.

Mr D. A. Bobbin

Sir, The immediate post-election analysis by politicians and pundits alike makes much of the North/South divide which has seemingly been underlined by the results. I draw attention to the plight of the South-west and its unemployment rate for the region, in excess of 20 per cent.

The obligation on the new Government to regenerate the regions is owed to the country as a whole and has nothing to do with some mythical line running through the Midlands.

Yours faithfully,
D. A. BOBBIN,
Popham Farmhouse,
Halt,
Salisbury,
Cornwall,
June 12.

Labour and defence

From Dr Julian Lewis

Sir, You report (June 15) deputy Labour Party leader, Roy Hattersley, as conceding that "with a different defence policy, Labour would have done marginally better", but as ruling out any significant change in that policy.

This is in regrettable contrast to the view expressed by Mr Hattersley in *Guardian*, July 18, 1983) (the *Guardian* of Labour's previous election defeat: If we are to respect and trust the people, we must begin to listen to their opinions on the policy which cost us most votes at the last election — defence and disarmament. [The] notion that we might give up our nuclear protection if others did not do the same was overwhelmingly rejected.

I appreciate Mr Hattersley's concern that to abandon unilateralism might do "almost irrevocable" damage to his party. Yet it is sad to observe that in 1983, at least, he was more concerned lest it do irrevocable damage to his country.

Yours faithfully,
JULIAN LEWIS, Director,
Policy Research Associates,
35 Westminster Bridge Road, SE1.

The Ward trial

From Sir Charles Cunningham

Sir, I was glad to read in this morning's *Times* (June 11) the letter from Mr Gilbert Kelland refuting the allegations made against the late Lord Brooke of Cunnor and the late Sir Joseph Simpson in a recent book about the prosecution and trial of Stephen Ward.

As the permanent head of the Home Office at the time, I should like to endorse what he says. No Home Secretary and no Commissioner of Police has had greater integrity than Henry Brooke and

Effects of a national lottery

From Mr D. Haigh-Elbery

Sir, The promotion of a national lottery in the United Kingdom, as suggested by Mr Crichton (June 13), is a more complex issue than the simple dismantling of the bastion of religious or moral intolerance. The effect on charity lotteries, football pools, off-course betting and tax revenue will be devastating.

I have no doubt that a national lottery will be viable, will generate substantial profits and will not be bound by suffocating interpretation of the Lotteries and Amusements Act 1976.

Any lottery which is legal, honest, in an acceptable cause and offers desirable prizes only needs efficient marketing to succeed. The decline of the UK lottery market can be attributed solely to two causes: poor management by most promoting organisations and uncompetitive prizes.

My concern is that charity lotteries will suffer from unfair competition even if the Gaming

Board for Great Britain relents in its opposition to larger prizes. Yours faithfully,
D. HAIGH-ELBERY,
Managing Director,
Charity Funding & Promotion Ltd,
Charity House,
211 Courthouse Road,
Maidenhead, Berkshire.

From Mrs Elizabeth Gandon

Sir, Mr Ian Crichton may be interested to know that State lotteries were once quite the thing in Britain; indeed the British Museum itself — that bastion of the non-frivolous — owes its very existence to one of these excellent wheezes.

I quote from a guide book to London, written in 1787, which I have translated from the French: Sir Hans Sloane, the celebrated physician, made a rich collection of books, manuscripts... and natural history in all its forms. He died in 1753 and left this collection (which had cost him £50,000) to the public on condition that Parliament paid £20,000 to his heirs... Parliament ordered that a sum of £300,000 would be levied by a lottery.

The account goes on to list the disbursements to be made thus: Prizes, £200,000; paid to heirs, £20,000; purchase of premises, £40,000; purchase of manuscripts, £10,000; the residue, to be invested, the income to pay for staff and maintenance of museum, £30,000.

It all seems so wonderfully simple. Yours faithfully,
E. GANDON,
Garden Cottage,
Ide Hill,
Sevenoaks,
Kent,
June 15.

ON THIS DAY

JUNE 17 1872

The accused husband in this case of crime passionnel was sentenced to five years' reclusion — "a rigorous form of imprisonment".

Our correspondent considered that, in the existing state of French law, he might have been acquitted, had it not been for his own infidelity and the sympathy aroused by the wife's suffering and contrition.

A "CAUSE CÉLÈBRE."

(From Our Special Correspondent.) PARIS, JUNE 15.

I remember to have read somewhere of a foreigner who, having only a week to devote to the study of England and the English character, passed his days at the law courts and his nights at the theatre. His notion was that at the law courts he would see the national life, or, at any rate, a tolerably prominent and characteristic portion of it, as it really and actually was, while in the second he would see it more or less ideally — would see not so much what the people were as what it was their fashion to fancy they were. Just as no one, it has been said, ever sees himself in the glass, but only himself looking at himself, so the stage is but a likeness, more or less artificial, of the society it purports faithfully to reflect. Still one does not expect the contrast between the two representations, the actual and the ideal, to be quite so violent as the foreign observer would have found it if he had happened to be just now applying his system to Parisian life. On the stage he would find the breach of the Seventh Commandment the standing joke, allusions to which, more or less openly according to the character of the theatre, are used to flavour every comic piece. It would not be a very rash bet to make that there is no farce or broad comedy at any given moment being played in Paris in which some joke is not made about deceived husbands or unfaithful wives. In some pieces — as for instance, when one which has recently been played during months at the Palais Royal to crowded and convulsed audiences — the whole fun of the broadest kind turns upon this suggestive scheme, and husbands and wives go night after night to roar with laughter at the infidelities which married people practise towards each other. A stranger who judged of Paris from its stage might be pardoned for imagining that adultery was treated in it almost as a joke, or, at any rate, as a venial offence far too common to excite surprise or grave reprobation. It is rather startling to turn from this light and airy conventional view on the comic stage to the real life of the law courts, when such a case as "L'affaire Dubourg," or "Le Drame de Rue des Ecoles," as the more sensational journals style it, is being tried. There is nothing here out of which the most thorough-going Parisian can get any fun, but the chief question of interest is whether a husband ought to be punished who has put his wife to a painfully lingering death by hacking her to pieces because she has done what on the stage would only raise a laugh. It is curious to contrast the horrible tragedy which really happened in the Rue des Ecoles with the fun which the French comic dramatist would have got out of such a situation as that of a wife *en déshabillé* in a bachelor's room, while her husband is shouting through the keyhole, and her lover is escaping through the window, like a cat, over the tiles...

Level of living

From Mrs M. S. Malthouse

Sir, Mr Victor Brennan (letter, June 6) wishes to highlight the differing commencement ages for men and women. May I point out that a woman's contribution entitlement, her, and her alone, to benefits.

Lion's share?

From Mr J. R. Vicars

Sir, I am a small investor caught up with the privatisation mania of the Thatcher years. I recently withdrew £340 from a high-interest bank account for the minimum allotment of 400 Rolls-Royce shares. Believing them to be a good investment I was prepared to withstand the loss of interest on my account.

On returning from holiday abroad, a few days after the shares appeared on the market, I found my allocation was 150 shares costing £127.50 and that £212.50 had been returned to me. I sold the 150 85p shares for 143p at one of the main banks and was charged £23 for the transaction.

My gross profit on the deal was £87 less £23, revealing a net profit of £64 — minus, of course, the loss of interest on £212.50 which never entered into the transaction.

I am informed that the £23 fee is that bank's standard charge, whether a person sells 150 or 150,000 shares. However, with the banks and stockbrokers perfectly aware that the vast majority of applicants for Rolls-Royce shares were greatly scaled down, isn't this a matter which would stand some investigation?

Yours faithfully,
J. R. VICARS,
6 Broadleaf Close,
Oakwood,
Derby,
May 29.

Worthy of credit

From Mr J. M. Burwick

Sir, "They came in and bought something for just over £1", complains the shop assistant in your report today (June 4) on a new credit card. "Who would use a card for that?"

The answer to that, Sir, is seemingly everyone in front of me in any check-out queue. Yours faithfully,
MIKE BORWICK,
13 High Elms Close,
Northwood, Middlesex.

THE ARTS

Sordid fame

In a week when the Government announced its intention to "tackle the inner cities"...

All overcome by vaudeville

It is 20 years since this piece moved from the Edinburgh fringe to the National Theatre...

THEATRE

Rosencrantz and Guildenstern are Dead Piccadilly

It would be nice to hear Rosencrantz's and Guildenstern's own downbeat comments on this state of affairs...

instead you get a joke against philosophy. Matters are not much improved by the arrival of the third star, Lionel Blair...

The production, I am glad to concede, undergoes a marked improvement after the first act, partly because the play itself develops a narrative momentum...

Irving Wardle



No identity problems with television stars: Mark Arden (left), Lionel Blair, Stephen Frost

OPERA

La Bohème Covent Garden

Among newcomers to the cast for this week's three performances of the Royal Opera's revival of La Bohème...

To follow Plácido Domingo and sing one's first Rodolfo in this house meant a hard act for David Rendall...

The sentiment and the spectacle are musically well balanced under the conducting of Giuseppe Patané...

Noël Goodwin

TELEVISION

scribed tablets per week, which sounds very much like a full-time job. The rest was standard fly-on-the-wall fodder...

It may be that we have become inured to poverty on our screens, but the poor themselves show no signs of weariness with the process of being filmed...

One wonders who, apart from social workers and Cabinet Ministers, is going to follow this series. Those viewers who actually live in such areas will surely switch to escapism...

Martin Cropper

Lure of the loudspeaker

Paul Griffiths on electronics at Skinnskatteberg in backwoods Sweden

to be doing something else, even anything else; and there were certainly a few works at Skinnskatteberg that showed minimal talent...

However, the more profound limitations on electronic music are still, in Sweden as anywhere else, those of aesthetics rather than of imagination...

guitars was not surprisingly a difficult moment: only Bent Sorensen, in his Les ruclus, managed the ensemble with deftness. There were also a couple of jolly and nostalgic audio-visual occasions...

Much the most impressive performance, though, was that of the Dutch musician Michel Waisvitz, who summons sounds by gesturing with two arrays of controls and sensors mounted on his hands...

Lyric Tudor tragedy

The third of three programmes brought to London by this company from Montreal contains three outstandingly good ballets...

DANCE

Les Grands Ballets Canadiens Sadler's Wells

But, on the "half a loaf" principle, one welcomes any chance to see this lyric tragedy, one of the finest ballets ever created by a British choreographer...

Robbins, MacMillan and Bruce did in previous generations. Balanchine's The Four Temperaments, a wonderfully imaginative creation to what may well be Hindemith's finest score...

This is the best programme the company has shown on this visit, and it has the fewest performances. John Percival



Tina Turner: "Looking out at my audience now is like looking at a school playground"

A smile and a song

Tina Turner likes London. On her day off she goes to Sloane Street and New Bond Street, where she does a bit of "summer shopping" for her sons and nips into Cartier to buy "some little fancy stuff" for herself...

David Sinclair meets the resilient rock star Tina Turner, playing at Wembley Arena until tomorrow night

ble both for its frank catalogue of her trials and triumphs and for its stark lack of any value judgements. Even so, her story of escape from marital subjugation and subsequent solo success has led to her canonization in feminist circles...

ever had on my body. It was cutting me up, but I thought 'I don't care, I'll bleed, I'll die, I love where I am. I love every minute of it, this is where I need to be'...

Family force

CONCERT

Wallfisch duo St John's/Radio 3

The fact that one was confronted by the sight of a piano lid raised to its full extent for this lunchtime recital was surely one measure of the equality that exists in the partnership between the cellist Raphael Wallfisch and his father, Peter Wallfisch...

though the reverent restraint is maintained until the joyful eruption of a virtuosic toccata-like section. Within the bounds of his conservative harmonic language and the limits imposed by his straightforward use of the chant material, Leighton creates an edifice which speaks eloquently...

They were no less involved in the two works, both by Czech composers, which framed the Leighton. First there was the Ballade and Serenade, Op 3, of Josef Suk grand-père, its first movement ripely passionate...

Stephen Pettitt

Advertisement for 'Bonne Chance!' featuring a large black and white portrait of Tina Turner. Text includes 'TOKYO PRODUCTION PREMIERES TONIGHT' and 'David Pountney's acclaimed production of Shostakovich's LADY MACBETH OF MTSENSK'.

Advertisement for the opera 'Lady Macbeth of Mtsensk' at Covent Garden. It lists the cast including Willard White, Jacques Trussel, Stuart Kale, Maria Moll, Dennis Wicks, and Alan Woodrow. It also mentions the conductor Mark Elder and the designer Stefanos Lazaridis.

Earning for learning

Stephen Magness

Some mothers work in order to cover the cost of private schools for their children.

Sarah Drummond spoke to three women who pay the fees

The number of pupils at independent schools showed a record increase last year, despite an average 11 per cent rise in fees. And the schools are well aware that many of these pupils are there only because their mothers work to help pay the fees.

For some women the return to work means picking up a career which was shelved during the early child-rearing years. For others, it may be a stepping-stone towards a new career, which will blossom once the school days are over. Finding enough energy to balance home, work and children and making ends meet are familiar problems. The sacrifices which women make are often impressive; many settle for night shifts and less sleep, shelving personal ambition.

Term-time jobs like teachers, secretaries or matrons at schools, universities and colleges are much in demand. "There are plenty of us teaching in the state system to educate our own children privately," said one woman. "I feel guilty about it, but when I see other staff coming in with sunbans and talking about the operas and theatres they've been to, then I just think, 'Well, I'm free to use my money the particular way I want'."

An estimated 20 to 25 per cent of MPs' secretaries, some of them the MPs' wives, work to help pay for their children's education. For parents using the empty bedrooms for taking in paying guests is becoming increasingly popular. Across the country thousands of women use their skills on a freelance basis, adding to the family budget by restoring, working at antique fairs, cooking, flower-arranging and so on.

Each of the three women here combines the roles of mother, wife and wage-earner. All of them — and their husbands — were privately educated; all felt disillusioned by the state education system for their own children. None took out any insurance on school fees, either because of lack of funds, because "we didn't see why they should make the profit," or because "we thought the state system would either have taken over or sorted itself out by the time our children were ready for school."



All in the family: Jill Sisson, who teaches at a comprehensive, with her daughters (from left) Kitty, 15, Zannah, 11, and Rosie, 14, who go to a private school

JILL SISSON

Married to a civil servant, and with three daughters, Kitty, 15, Rosie, 14, and Zannah, 11, Jill Sisson teaches computing in a comprehensive in Brixton; the girls all go to Streatham Hill and Clapham High School.

She thinks she would have gone back to work even if they hadn't needed the money: "I'd have gone

bananas staying at home." As a teacher she is committed to the state system, though says that her own above-average children are best suited to private education. "And now I'm more glad than ever because of the strikes. I'm quite sure it's what has driven many parents to send their children to be privately educated."

She is often asked to tutor neighbours and friends out of school

PAM THOMAS

Married to a chemistry don at Oxford, Pam Thomas worked in publishing as an assistant editor before she had children. Emily is now 16, and goes to Oxford High School; Anna, 14, is at Wychwood; and Nick, 12, at the Dragon School.

"You might have thought that in Oxford, where there is a nucleus of academic, achieving, and articulate people, there would be really good state schools," she observes. But there was none in their catchment area, and paying school fees on an academic's salary was impossible.

In 1979 she decided she must go to work, but she was absolutely clear that she wanted a job, not a career.

Years previously she had done a secretarial course, but was very frightened that she wouldn't remember the shorthand. She found a job through a local newspaper for a fellow's secretary at one of the colleges — "they wanted a dogbody" — but six months later she was very bored, so she went to work for the retiring Master, an eminent historian. She does all his letters and types his books, using her editing skills. During half-terms and holidays she juggles dates with the understanding Master.

She says her husband is immensely supportive and is "quite prepared to listen to me saying how boring it all is, and very clever at persuading me how worthwhile it is, too." She is justifiably proud of having paid off the mortgage.

hours but always refuses, because it "impinges on the children too much". She runs the household with a firm hand. "Housework inevitably gets left undone, when necessary, but if people are coming to lunch or to dinner, then it's all hands." The priority on getting home, she says, is to take the dogs out for a decent walk.

Her income pays for her daughters' schooling. "We get a minute reduction, about £60 a year,

for having all three of them at the same school and for their music lessons. Money is always tight. We manage by juggling and windfalls."

When the children's education is finished in seven years, "we'll take early retirement and take over running the in-laws' farm in Northumberland". She is clearly impatient: "We count birthdays and getting older as moments for congratulation, not commiseration."

MAIGHREAD SIMMONDS

Married to an accountant, and with a 10-year-old son, Timothy, who goes to Hill House School in Knightsbridge, Maighread Simmonds is a trained nurse who went back to freelance agency nursing when her son went to nursery school.

It means that she can work as little or as often as she wants, to fit in with her son's schooling. The work is extremely varied, anything from hospital wards to private geriatric nursing at home, sometimes including night-shifts. "I can tune in to working nights fairly fast, I don't need much sleep."

Her son's education is quite definitely her first priority, "and my

A passport to success

If the current passport delays hang like a dark cloud over your planned escape to the summer sun, the Visa Shop — originally founded to help busy people and out-of-towners avoid queuing — may offer a ray of hope. The combination of a long-standing relationship with the Passport Office and constant chasing means new passports can be obtained in a fortnight, even less for renewals. Unfortunately, they can't interfere if you are on tenterhooks having already submitted an application, but they "advise travellers to get a British Visitor's Passport, where appropriate". They also obtain appropriate visas for any country — with the exception of Japan which demands to see would-be visitors in person. And if you are cutting things fine, your passport can be whisked to the airport to await collection there. The cost is usually £7.50; forms and details can be obtained from the Visa Shop at 44 Chandos Place, London WC2N 4HS (01-379 0419).

BRIEFLY

A round-up of news, views and information

best ways of doing so include avoiding rogue mini-cab drivers, and using shrill alarms, which are perfectly legal, unlike specially adapted items like such as sharpened combs. The most effective, *Elle* determined, is the Walk Easy personal emergency alarm, which gives a 115-decibel shock to the ears of any assailant — £3.99 from Ryman, or by post from Topline International, Topline House, 4 Bartlow Road, Linton, Cambridgeshire (0223 893913).

Quote me...



"There's little point in feminists saying don't worry about weight. I admit that worry about weight is media-induced, but one feels so much happier when one is under control. When you lose control you feel miserable."

Miriam Stoppard

Cowboy cut-outs

Bryan Spain, a quantity surveyor, has brought out a new book, *Home Improvement Price Guide* (E & FN Spon, £5.95) which he hopes will be bought by women, whom he says, "are particularly vulnerable to cowboy contractors". It lists the cost of materials for household repairs and improvements — pipes, extensions, decorating, and so on — indicating how long each task should take: once you have got a written estimate "if a contractor's unwilling to give one, it's a very bad sign" you can work out whether it is a fair price. But how to spot a cowboy? "They tend to be the ones who come knocking on your door with 'special offers'," he explains. You have been warned.

Josephine Fairley

Balanced to win

A welcome change: *Good Housekeeping* magazine's July issue sees the launch of an "enterprising woman" award which "isn't looking for dynamic females out to make millions at all costs while dashing around the globe, briefcase in hand", according to Charlotte Lessing, the editor. She stresses that they are looking "for women who have their priorities right — a happy balance of work, home and other interests, with a dash of ambition and self-motivation thrown in".

Candidates may be juggling their business with caring for elderly relatives or small children for instance; they may be married or single. There is a generous £10,000 prize from NatWest to be shared by the three winners — and, ironically, a luxury briefcase for all six finalists. . .

Cares for fears

A special 16-page investigation, "Working Against Fear", in the July issue of *Elle* (sponsored by the Brook Street Bureau) highlights the fact that women are increasingly worried about attack: 72 per cent of 2,138 respondents to the magazine's survey felt that they should do more to protect themselves. The special report suggests that the

Green tinge and a rosy glow

Marion Roe learnt that she had become a Government Minister half-way through the first act of *Carmen* at Glyndebourne on Monday night. Unable to break the news to her companions, she sat through dinner and the rest of the performance grinning inanely. "It was," she says, "a very nice feeling."

She was still grinning yesterday afternoon, seated at her newly commandeered desk at the Department of the Environment, having lunched on her first ministerial sandwich since becoming Under Secretary of State. As the only woman to enter the Government following the post-election reshuffle, she joins the five other ministerial women serving under Mrs Thatcher, making up less than 10 per cent of the total ministerial force.

It is a situation which Mrs Roe deplores. "I think more women should come into the House and demonstrate that they can do the job

Marion Roe looks forward to a new job in the Department of the Environment



Watching from the stalls to a starring role: Marion Roe

satisfactorily," she declares. She would particularly like to see more middle-aged married women, like herself, coming into politics. "I don't believe it's just a young woman's career," she says. "I

think there's a place for both. I do feel that married women should be encouraged to come forward to enter the political arena. I'm not a militant feminist, but I do think there should be more women in decision-making positions in politics and not just as imitation men."

She admits, however, that it does take a great deal of courage "to step out of the front door after 15 years in which the main source of conversation has been the price of meat at Sainsbury's and whether the children are going to get measles."

The wife of a merchant banker, she took about a year to pluck up the courage to do it herself. She had worked as a tri-lingual secretary/PA until the birth of the first of her three children and had then stopped work to devote herself to bringing up her family.

Her 24-year-old elder daughter got married a month before the general election, her second daughter is 22 and reading chemistry at Somerville College, Oxford, and her 18-year-old son is doing his A levels. "I'd like to be able to show women that you can have your cake and eat it. I've had the pleasure of being at home with my children and doing the mum bit. I wanted to do something a little more positive in my middle years."

Her own route into politics was via local government — Bromley Council and the GLC. It was, she feels, the best possible experience for becoming a Member of Parliament. It took her only eight

years to get elected as MP for Broxbourne, Hertfordshire, in 1983, with the highest majority of any woman in the House. With a reputation for being something of an iron lady herself, she has worked hard at trying to improve the tax situation of married women. She feels strongly that the role of housewives should be taken more seriously.

She believes that her background has been a good preparation for her new Environment post, the precise details of which will be announced today. Her experience makes it likely that her areas of responsibility will be either local government or planning. "My background has green tinges," she says. "My constituency definitely has green tinges. When I started in local government I represented a ward which covered three villages and was in the Green Belt. The only daughter of an accountant, she was brought up in Caterham, Surrey, before it became part of suburbia, and is able to talk knowledgeably of such things as gravel extraction and infilling. She stresses, too, the fact that she was vice-chairman of the Historical Buildings Society.

Yesterday, however, was a day for diplomacy. Clad in a grey pinstriped suit, emphasizing that she has still to "get my knees under the desk" and talking about "supporting the team", she was reluctant to make any definitive statements about her future plans — either in her ministerial role or in respect of her personal ambitions. "I take one step at a time. My ambition was to become a Member of Parliament and I achieved that. I believe you tend to grow with the job. I think all politicians are ambitious, if they're truly honest. You wouldn't go into the game without ambition. It's a very tough world."

Even the fact that there are still no women in Mrs Thatcher's Cabinet failed to cut through the rosy glow in which she was bathed yesterday. "There's no doubt that we do have very able women who would be able to take their place in the Cabinet," she agreed, adding the diplomatic qualification: "But it's not something you can force."

Sally Brompton

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MEDIA & MARKETING

Losing control of quality

Alan Sapper, general secretary of the Association of Cinematographers, Television and Allied Technicians, has always tried, quite properly, to ensure that his members pocketed the biggest cut possible of ITV's profits...

Glimpses of this largesse have usually been available only when it suited the management to win an advantage in negotiations...

A decade ago I heard Sapper launch his usual attack against privilege in society at the annual Trades Union Congress...

Despite the enormous revolution in the television industry, little has changed since then, either in the union's leadership or in its policies.

Now, like the unions in Fleet Street, the ACTT is out on a limb. The re-election of the Conservative government...

OPINION

Tom Bower

Forbes, had submitted a personal campaign statement which was too long. The transgression was "discovered" only after his victory...

The Government's proposed legislation is certain to strangle those extravaganzas. The BBC - and, possibly, ITV - will be compelled to accept 25 per cent of its programmes from independent producers...

Unfortunately, the ACTT has destroyed the opportunity to guarantee that the quality of programmes will always remain high.

Tom Bower has been a television producer for 18 years

Tomorrow's BBC world

Out go the old guard, in come the new - David Housham finds everything changing at Broadcasting House

When Alan Protheroe and Brian Wenham close their BBC office doors for the last time in August they will be leaving a very different organization to the one they both joined a long time ago.

Protheroe, aged 53, assistant director general, joined the corporation 30 years ago. Wenham, aged 50, managing director of BBC Radio, arrived from ITV in 1969.

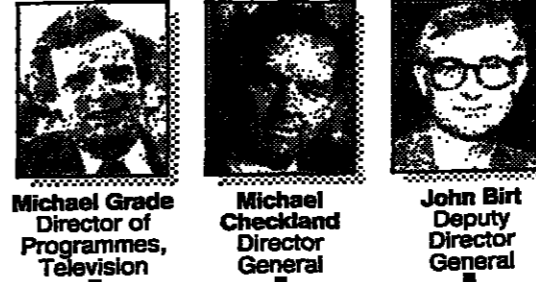
Since Michael Checkland's promotion from deputy to full director general in March, he has been pushing through his plans for a massive restructuring of the BBC's management.

Twenty years ago the BBC was flourishing. It had just acquired a second television channel. Its revenue was heading for a period of great growth with the introduction of colour television...

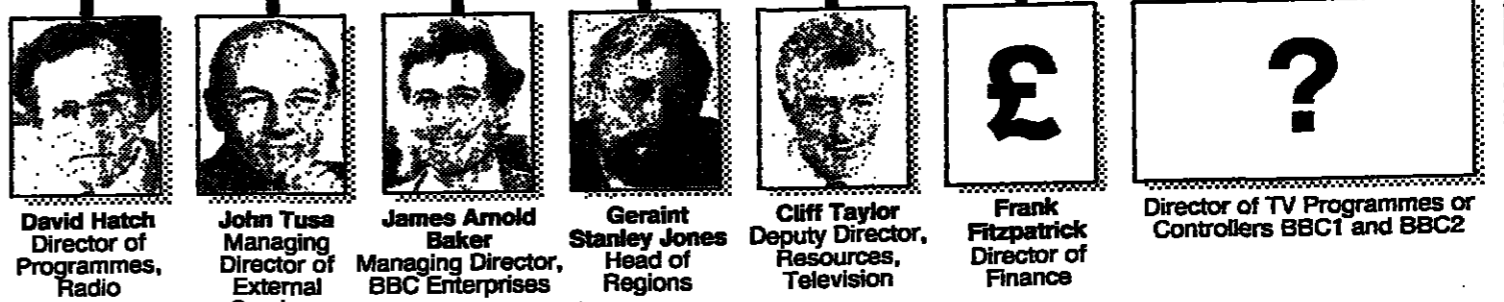
That belief in its own innate superiority was held almost to the end of Milne's time at the head of the BBC. It was steering the BBC towards destruction and confusion as the complacent corporation colluded with the second term of a Conservative government...

Last year's report by the Peacock Committee has still left the way

NEW TOP MANAGEMENT LINE-UP



Michael Grade Director of Programmes, Television; Michael Checkland Director General; John Birt Deputy Director General



David Hatch Director of Programmes, Radio; John Tusa Managing Director of External Services; James Arnold Baker Managing Director, BBC Enterprises; Geraint Stanley Jones Head of Regions; Cliff Taylor Deputy Director, Resources, Television; Frank Fitzpatrick Director of Finance

FRONT RUNNERS FOR PROMOTION



Roger Laughton Head of Daytime Television; Ron Neil Head of TV News; Jonathan Powell Head of TV Drama Group; Will Wyatt Head of TV Features

open for a radical government to change the fundamental basis of British broadcasting so that the style and content of programmes (even news services) are decided by the advertisers who are willing to fund them...

Checkland is now putting together a new senior management team that can work together over the next uncertain decade towards the age of multi-channel satellite broadcasting...

Checkland has poached John Birt, aged 42, from London Week-

end Television to be his deputy and oversee the rebuilding of a central BBC news service, ending the traditional divisions between radio and television, news and current affairs departments.

The public face of the BBC led by the triumvirate of Checkland, Birt and Michael Grade, aged 44, who is expected to move up from director of television programmes into Cotton's job this summer, will be one of modesty and accountability

as a public service broadcaster, while eager to compete with equal entrepreneurial flair against its rivals.

BBC Enterprises is being moulded into a far harder-hitting marketing machine under its new managing director, James Arnold-Baker, while John Tusa has improved relationships with the Foreign Office as managing director of External Services.

To complete the tier of management under the new triumvirate, Checkland now has to decide whether to appoint a new director of television programmes or two new channel controllers - BBC2 controller Graeme McDonald is leaving at the end of this year.

Roger Laughton, who has almost completed his one-year assignment to oversee the introduction of BBC television's Daytime service, is a strong candidate to replace Grade as director of programmes.

Jonathan Powell, head of TV drama group, Will Wyatt, head of TV variety, may all be consoling by the greater importance and money diverted to their newly enlarged domains (needed to keep pace with the cash-rich ITV companies) as Grade strives to keep the BBC displaying the entertainment-led primetime ratings prowess it has achieved in the past two years.

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MEDIA & MARKETING

Is the Riviera party over?

Cannes's second film festival of the year is currently unravelling...

Some familiar faces are missing from this week's advertising film festival at Cannes.

Brian Davis reports

But for the past two years the British have been significantly less successful...

The absenteeism is largely due to the high cost of attending the affair...

The most notable disappearing act has been performed by the James Garrett production company...

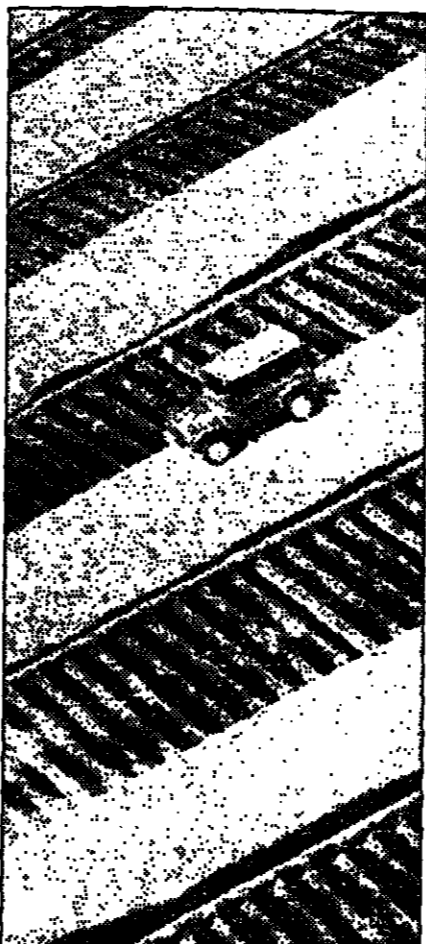
Philip Thomas, another Garrett director, believes it is a good thing to have work shows in an international arena...

Allen Thomas, executive creative director at J. Walter Thompson, finds it "impossible" to quantify just how useful the festival is...

Other complaints involve the composition of the jury - "Why should a Brazilian cinema manager be judging TV commercials?"

and the suspicion that some below-par commercials from Third World countries are given awards just to keep their delegates happy...

Collet Dickenson Pearce's Land Rover entry; above, its Hamlet Cigars ad



Above: Bartle Bogle Hegarty's British Telecom ad



Likely winner: left, Collet Dickenson Pearce's Land Rover entry; above, its Hamlet Cigars ad

what may go down terrifically well in Europe leaves them unmoved in Tokyo.

Nevertheless, British commercials will probably perform creditably this year.

But still, Cannes is not the same. In the good old days, while the Germans, Japanese and Italians watched the daily screenings of commercials...

...once more with feeling, please, Miss Taylor?

Last week Elizabeth Taylor (left) completed her first full-scale commercial. It is for a fragrance which is both self-created and eponymous - "Elizabeth Taylor's Passion" - and it will appear in selected American stores in the autumn.

Lured by Passion, Elizabeth Taylor, the first lady of the silver screen, has made her first full-length television commercial

A degree of apprehension surrounded the shoot. Taylor said that she would work only in a studio with a fully equipped bangalow. She was also reluctant to arrive on set before 1pm as she doesn't like to rush things...

Screen turned up when she said she would and read her lines with a cool and amused authority. Directing the proceedings was Mike Berkofsky, a British photographer-turned-director who has a reputation for shooting beautiful women beautifully.

of Ogilvy and Mather in New York, is also British. "Elizabeth Taylor is an amazing star," he said. "The original idea was to make a mini-movie, but then we decided to concentrate on Elizabeth Taylor and to add a bit of theatre by using the classical quotes."

Taylor did not invent "Passion" all by herself, of course. She had assistance from the manufacturers, Parfums International, and together they came up with the sort of scent that is popular in the Giorgio-legend segment of the market.

BYLINES

Pressing for colour

The Mirror Group's plans to speed up the introduction of colour pages in its national titles are causing concern among advertising agencies...

MGN's new colour presses, from the same German company that supplied Today, should be operational next year...

One-man bands

Working as a producer at the BBC or for an ITV company is a waste of time for anyone over 30 who wants to make money. This is Bernard Falk's first rule for the post-Peacock TV age...

Autumn gold?

EMAP, having already left IPC standing in the teenage girls' magazine market with successful innovative launches like Juvies...

Briefing...

The sweet smell of success? Review copies of Shirley Courran's latest potboiler, Savages (a sort of Lord of the Flies with business women instead of lost boys)...

Taxing times

The ITV companies have been left unhappy by their recent mauling at the hands of Inland Revenue officials...

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THE TIMES INFORMATION SERVICE

This selective guide to entertainment and events throughout Britain appears from Monday to Friday, followed in the Saturday section by a preview of the week ahead. Items for inclusion should be sent to The Times Information Service, PO Box 7, 1 Virginia Street, London E1 9XN

THEATRE LONDON

BET NOIR: Tour de force from Robin Soars in this inventive comedy... THREE SISTERS: Elijah Moshinsky's pruned production... THE TWO NOBLE KINSMEN: Two cousins compete for the love of one woman...

OUT OF TOWN

BATH: Portraits: Interesting new William Douglas Home play with Keith Michell as Augustus... CAMBRIDGE: Footlights: Review of year farce...

TOP 10 UK SINGLES

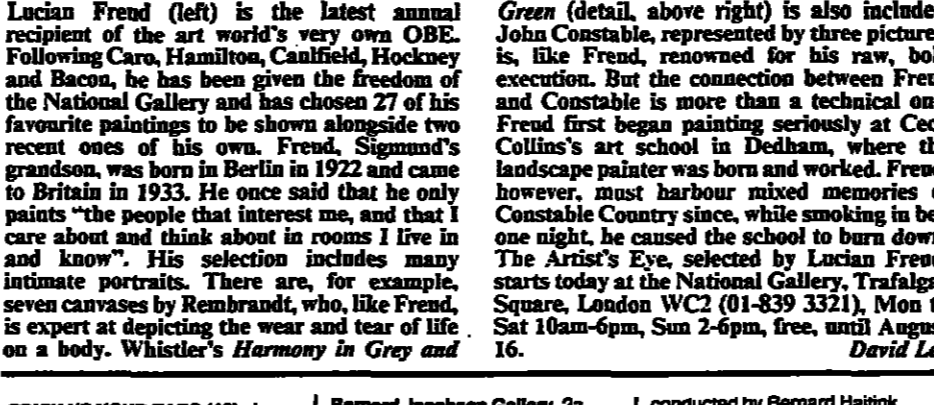
- (1) Star Trekkin', The Firm
(2) I Wanna Dance With Somebody, Whitney Houston
(3) I Want Your Sex, George Michael

TOP 10 UK ALBUMS

- (1) Whitney, Whitney Houston
(2) Live In The City Of Light, Simple Minds
(3) The Joshua Tree, U2

FILMS

Also on national release: Advance booking possible: BLUE VELVET (18): David Lynch's surreal tale about the placid murder of an American small town...



Lucian Freud (left) is the latest annual recipient of the art world's very own OBE. Following Care, Hamilton, Canfield, Rooney and Bacon, he has been given the freedom of the National Gallery...

GALLERIES OPENINGS

MARK ROTHKO (1903-1970): The first full retrospective of 100 pictures, in this country for the American abstract expressionist... THE ARTIST'S EYE: Lucian Freud's selection of 27 works from the gallery's collection...

SELECTED

J & M TURNER: A brief showing for the last oil, Sea View, Falmouth, which when sold for £7.5 million... WILLIAM TILLER: There are currently four exhibitions of his work...

OTHER EVENTS

ARUNDEL CATHEDRAL CARPET OF FLOWERS: Annual event at which the cathedral floor is covered with a tapestry of flowers... HOLLYWOOD BEYOND: After an intriguing debut last year...

CONCERTS LUNCHTIME

STERN RECITAL: The pianist Jennifer Stern follows Debussy's Esquisses with Chopin's Polonaise-Fantasy Op 61... TACKLING TELEMAN: In their finishing survey of Telemann's Der harmonische Gottesdienst...

EVENING

ROZARIO/JOHNSON: Patricia Rozario, soprano, sings Schubert Lied, Hugo Wolf and Villa-Lobos... VERDI REQUIEM: Donald Cheadle conducts the London Concert Choir...

JAZZ

KENNY BURRELL: Since Wes Montgomery's death, no jazz guitarist has been able to match his combination of warmth and sophistication... TONY SCOTT: Penetrate US clarinetist appears with the line drummer Clifford Jarvis...

DANCE

LILAC GARDEN: Antony Tudor's lyric tragedy with two other masterworks... SYLVIA PLATH: Hans Kresnik's dance theatre piece based on the poet's life...

TALKS

WOMEN WRITERS IN SOUTH AFRICA: Talk by Loretta Ntobu, joined by Gwelo Ntobu... VERMEER QUARTET: Janak's Quartet No 1 and Arriga's Quartet No 2...

WALKS

JOURNEY THROUGH DICKENS'S LONDON: Meet Embankment tube, 11am, £2.50... 1880S EAST END MURDERS: Meet Tour Hill tube, 12pm, £2.25...

OPERA

LA BOHEME: David Rendall and Cynthia Haymon in a successful production... LADY MACBETH OF MTSCENSK: A powerful production, powerfully sung...

ROCK

STEVE EARLE: The singer/songwriter from San Antonio via Nashville, whose last album, Quarter Moon, was the sturdiest bridge yet to be built...

FOLLIES

THE AWARDED WIVES: When I Was a Boy I Used to Dream of Being a Man... THE AWARDED WIVES: When I Was a Boy I Used to Dream of Being a Man...

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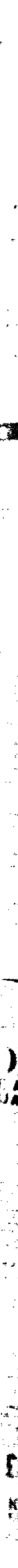
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Four in rape hunt 'killed innocent man in park'

By David Sapsed

Four men searching for a rapist kicked to death a father-of-three as he walked through a park, a court was told yesterday.

Mr David Dillon, aged 36, a loader at Gatwick Airport, was on his way to meet his wife when he was set on by the four in a ferocious attack in Golf's Park, Crawley, West Sussex. Mr Brian Higgs, QC, for the prosecution, said:

"There is not a shred of evidence that Mr Dillon, the man they came on in the park, was in any way connected with the rapes", he told Lewes Crown Court.

"Even if he was, they had not the slightest justification for doing what they did to him," Mr Higgs said.

The four, all of whom deny murder charges, had gone to the park in the dark last September in search of the sex attacker, Mr Higgs claimed.

He said that a postman discovered Mr Dillon's battered body the following morning.

Abdul Baroudda, aged 21 from Gosspus Green, Crawley, was alleged to have killed Mr Dillon by stamping on his stomach four or five times after punching him to the ground. The three others may not have touched their victim, but they encouraged the assault, Mr Higgs claimed.

"They had set out to go to the park to find the man who had been responsible for raping women in the Crawley area. They intended to teach him a lesson."

When they found the man they wrongly thought was responsible, a ferocious attack — which shocked three of them — was launched by Baroudda", Mr Higgs told the jury.

Charged with Baroudda were brothers Andrew and Simon Hibberd, aged 24 and 20, of Downland Drive, Crawley, and Christopher Barclay, aged 21, of Park Way, Crawley.

A courting couple had seen Mr Dillon peering into parked cars in the park, the court heard. Miss Sandra Spence, aged 23, said a man she later identified from photographs as Mr Dillon, crept out of the bushes and looked into her car as she talked to her boyfriend.

She said she had shone her headlights on him and he had moved off towards another car.

Mr Higgs had earlier told the jury that, on the day he was killed, Mr Dillon had visited four public houses in the area and had been to an off-licence. A woman who thought she had seen him in the park had told police he appeared to be drunk.

While police were interviewing Baroudda on another minor matter, Mr Higgs said, he had told them he wanted to talk about the murder. He allegedly said: "I know I am in trouble, but I can give you the information you need about the murder. I killed him."

The case continues.

Hats off to style for a day at the races



A row of top hats, champagne, fine brims and elegant fashions make for a stylish opening yesterday at Royal Ascot (Photograph: John Rogers).



Malibu feathers and French lace (left), and (right, above and below) neat suits and confections in black and white marking the races' first day

By Liz Smith, Fashion Editor

The new generation of the Royal Family gave racers at Ascot a lesson in good sense and style.

Their important-looking hats, pinned securely against the inevitable blustery wind of opening day, and skirts so trim there was not a spare inch to flutter in the breeze, left them relaxed to enjoy a day's racing.

The Princess of Wales's neat short suit, with sharp pointed peplum jacket, by Catherine Walker of Chelsea Design, was in cream washed with a pastel flower print. She had a wide-brimmed cream hat trimmed to match.

Yellow, the fashionable colour that studied the course on the first day, was the Duchess of York's choice for another slim-fitting short suit with white Polo-mint spot print by one of her favourite designers, Linda Cierach.

The Duchess's mesh straw coolie hat in matching buttercup yellow by Frederick Fox sported a cream satin bow under the brim.

The Queen, leading the Royal procession, had tucked a pale grey over the knees of her Hartnell corn maize ribbed wool suit, worn with a

white silk-brimmed matching hat by Rudolf.

Many racegoers, forced to wear fringed cashmere serapes and trenchcoats inconspicuously with tulle, flower-trimmed hats and finery, were able when the sun finally came out to show off the colour-printed silks and the black and white suits that are now so firmly part of the Ascot scene.

This season stripes, checks and Impressionist squiggles mixed boldly with the spots that were the favourites from last summer. The crispest little jackets are in white damask or ottoman.

The peplum suit, a favourite style of younger members of the Royal Family, was seen everywhere. Among the chicest were several Chanel suits in dark silk or wool, gleaming with gilt buttons, and the Chanel chain-banded bag swung on all the smartest shoulders.

The more frivolous confections of the milliners were, presumably, left in their hatboxes for Ladies' Day, and the stylish crowd on opening day wore stricter styles: sombreros, and wide-brimmed hats trimmed with giant bows that were secured to sleek coiffures.

Britain puts clamp on Iranian visitors

By Andrew McEwen, Diplomatic Correspondent

Britain has cut the rate of issuing visas to Iranians from 300 a week to almost nothing. The Foreign Office said yesterday. Whitehall sources described this as "an obvious practical consequence" of mutual expulsions of diplomats rather than a sanction.

But it is a consequence which harms far more Iranians than Britons, assuming that the Iranian Embassy in London responds in kind.

Last year six visa officers at the British Interests section in Tehran issued 15,000 visas and Iranians made 35,000 visits. The numbers differ because some visas permit multiple entry. But only 200 Britons visited Iran.

Two of the visa officers have since been expelled and two more were among a party of five Britons who arrived at Heathrow Airport yesterday after being withdrawn as a precautionary measure.

Consul, said that the atmosphere at the mission was "stiff upper lip". He added: "There is a skeleton staff and we are coping." Mr Wilson returned with his wife Heather. Mr Kevin Shaughnessy, aged 22, Miss Jane Ness, and the wife of another diplomat, Mrs Maureen McAree. Her husband, Mr Patric McAree, aged 34, is one of two remaining visa officers, the other being Mr Paul Ramsay, aged 32.

The four others left behind in Tehran are Mr Christopher MacRae, aged 49, the head of the British Interests section, Mr Martyn Roper, aged 22, an archivist and Mr Len Broadhurst, aged 57, a social security officer. There are now no dependants of diplomats in Iran.

Iran has 16 diplomats in Britain.

Whitehall sources reaffirmed yesterday that the matter was not closed. Congress courted, page 8

The Times Crossword Puzzle No 17,385

Crossword puzzle grid with numbers 1-29 and black squares.

ACROSS

- Sort of tax, say, making money? (5).
- Copy of a rejected miscellaneous entry in the dossier (9).
- Maybe free reform of 26? Submissions made to public (9).
- One of Morton's two points when fund-raising (5).
- Drink six in retrospect for the tsar (6).
- Confined fifty in one magic figure (8).
- At length the beginning of an unlimited audit (10).
- Sea-food many found in a river (4).
- Come up against an objection (4).
- Gond chap a single parent's taking on as craftsman (5-3).
- Watchman required to repair lines (8).
- Gold in subtle emanation of heavenly light (6).
- Note tribe's fortification (5).
- Trude actors providing part of Wall's make-up (9).
- With his agreement, there is nothing in writing (9).
- Pulled right into 23 (5).

DOWN

- Hebridean island to which a French noble returned to fish (9).
- He has a difficult life (5).
- Reward of champion of the keep-fit class (8).
- Fair financial penalty (4).
- House mistress has a little talk with the maid, Lily (10).
- Turn up in time perhaps to ascribe the meaning (6).
- Such as the Asses' Bridge triangle (9).
- Rome's standard of achievement of course (5).
- Equipment for tea party? For the orchestra, rather (10).
- Dinosaur I assume swallowed fertilizer (9).
- White King's messenger goes between British isle and North American one (9).
- I confess to being very tired of being waylaid (8).
- Message outstanding (6).
- Young fellow's betting trick (5).
- A meat ring set up in Nebraska (5).
- Mrs Browning's great god Pan "spreading" and scattering ban" (4).

Concise crossword, page 10

WEATHER

General situation: A weak warm front will cross the south-west of England, Wales, south-west and southern England will be rather cloudy at first with patchy light rain or drizzle. The remainder of the country will start fairly bright with any mist or fog patches clearing quickly. As the day progresses, showers will develop but these will be confined mainly to eastern England where some will be heavy with a chance of thunder. Elsewhere it will become mainly dry with sunny intervals. Outlook for tomorrow and Friday: Dry and bright at first, becoming cloudy with rain or drizzle later.

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US move for Valin Pollen with £70m Carter buy

By John Bell
City Editor

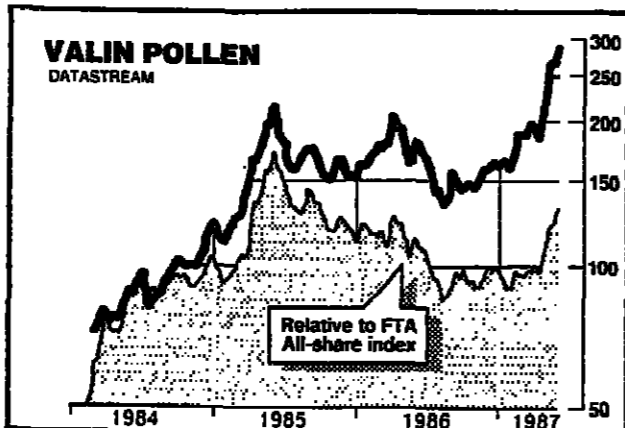
Valin Pollen International, the public relations and advertising agency, yesterday announced a takeover of The Carter Organisation Inc, the fourth-largest specialist PR company in the US.

The deal, worth a maximum £70 million over the next three years, is the second recent large move by a British company into America's marketing services industry. Last week, Mr Martin Sorrell's WPP group proposed a £340 million takeover of J Walter Thomson, the fourth-largest advertising agency in the US.

The move is in line with VPI's plans to develop an international business based on the world's leading financial centres. Carter's business, principally in the investor relations field, fits well with VPI, which has a large slice of the financial PR market in Britain. It has acted in an advisory role in the privatisations of Rolls-Royce, British Airways and BAA.

Mr Reg Valin, VPI's chairman, said yesterday the search for a sizeable acquisition in the US had been progressing for a few years. The decision to approach Carter was taken on Christmas Eve, he said, and negotiations had been progressing since shortly afterwards, he added.

The scale of the deal will transform VPI. The company has expanded rapidly since joining the Unlisted Securities



Market in 1984, and stepped up to a full listing last year. Its shares were suspended yesterday pending the completion of the deal and dealings are expected to resume at the end of next month.

VPI made profits of £2 million before tax last year. Carter made pro forma operating profits of £9.8 million last year, on turnover of £22.6 million.

Mr Donald Carter, founder and chief executive of the group, forecasts that profits in the year to end-September this year will be not less than £9.3 million. More than 10 per cent of Carter's 300 clients are in the *Fortune* 500 list of top US corporations, and include General Motors, Eastman Kodak, Union Carbide, Royal Dutch Shell Group, Goodyear and Texas Instruments.

Full details of the acquisition will be finalized soon. The initial consid-

eration of £31.1 million will be satisfied by an issue of shares to Mr Carter. Almost all have been underwritten by Robert Fleming, the merchant bank, and James Capel, the securities house. The balance will take the form of shares issued on a profit-related basis over the next three years.

In round terms, Mr Carter will be paid not less than 4.75 times average pretax profits during the earn-out period. The shares will be placed conditionally with a claw-back arrangement for existing holders.

In addition to the shares issued in payment for the Carter acquisition, Mr Valin, Mr Richard Pollen and Mr Angus Maitland—all VPI directors—will be selling 588,000 shares from their own or family holdings. The deal is subject to approval at a shareholders' meeting on July 16.

Valin Pollen also an-



Reg Valin

Blacks to buy Gee for £4.3m

By Lawrence Lever

The transformation of Blacks Leisure Group, the camping and leisurewear retailer rescued from the brink of receivership last October, continued yesterday with the company announcing a £4.3 million all-share offer for Gee/Rosen Organisation, the US menswear business.

Blacks also announced its second rights issue in nine months. This time it is raising £6.1 million net by offering six new shares at 13p each for every 25.

The issue is underwritten by Charterhouse Bank. Blacks' shares fell nearly 2p on the announcement to 29p.

The Gee/Rosen deal is already in the bag, with Blacks having acceptances from holders of 69 per cent of the shares. The reconstruction of Blacks has considerably enriched the rescue consortium, which will have put around £3.7 million into the company by the completion of the rights issue.

The stake will be worth about £20 million, while the company's market capital will have increased from £3.5 million to £60 million.

Blacks' full-year results, which accompanied the rights issue, show a pretax loss of £2.4 million, against last year's £1.6 million.

In addition the company is taking £1.1 million of extraordinary provisions below the line. Blacks is not paying a dividend. It described yesterday's losses as "the end of the bad news."

None of the directors of Gee/Rosen is taking a directorship at Blacks. Gee/Rosen is warranting profits before tax of not less than £350,000 for its current financial year.

Meanwhile Gee/Rosen yesterday announced its results for the year ended March 31 1987, showing a sharp decline in pretax profits from £377,000 to £127,000.

The shortfall had been fore-shadowed by an announcement of a stock deficit which has been the subject of a police investigation. Gee/Rosen said yesterday that the deficit had resulted from theft.

The company is paying a dividend of 1.1p, maintaining the total dividend payout of 1.65p for the year.

COMMENT

New-look DTI better equipped for battle

The gap at the Department of Trade and Industry between Norman Tebbit's departure and Lord Young's arrival was filled either by ministers who were accident prone or by ministers not fitted for the job. In Lord Young, who has replaced Paul Channon, the Department now has a man with a high-profile business background, who stands high in the Prime Minister's regard, is spared the pressures of the Commons, has a clear idea of what he is about, and possesses the management and persuasive skills to achieve his ends. With the forceful, ambitious and congenial Kenneth Clarke again at his elbow, he has a sporting chance of raising the Department's status within industry and influence within the Cabinet to levels matching its importance to the economy of this country.

Apart from Alan Clark, Mrs Thatcher has made a clean sweep. How a Conservative Government can dispense with a man of Geoffrey Pattie's dedicated skills baffles the imagination. However, she bestows her favours where she will: none more so than on Michael Howard, who has leaped from Under Secretary for Corporate and Consumer Affairs to Minister for Housing, to be replaced at the DTI by Francis Maude, a barrister specialising in crime (an omen here perhaps?) and a former Tory whip.

Mr Howard, who, it is said, was keen to return as Welsh Secretary to the (adopted) land of his father and cousins, has certainly left his mark on the DTI. With Mr Channon in baulk because of his family connections, Mr Howard took control of, if he did not actually initiate, the official inquiry into Guinness. He played a similar role in the inquiry, called in the dying weeks of the last Parliament, into events surrounding the acquisition by the Al Fayed brothers of House of Fraser — the unmitigated delight of Lord and Roland ("Tiny") Rowland. He also laboured long and hard to bring the Financial Services Bill to the statute book.

Mr Howard's legacy is as interesting as his achievements. The regulation of financial services is only in its preliminary phase. The Guinness inquiry rolls on, amid talk of a central figure offering "the real truth" of what occurred and payments to subsidiary figures not yet publicly identified. How zealous the Government will be in pursuing those it perceives as villains, and not just in the Guinness takeover of Distillers, now the election is past, is a fascinating question with an even more fascinating answer. Looking back over

the campaign and at the result, so-called "City scandals" and the thieving denizens of the Square Mile seem to have concerned the voters not a jot.

If the Financial Services Act is away to a quiet start and the Guinness investigation has gone underground, Lord Young can expect no remission from the Fraser-Lonrho affair. In this acrimonious war to the end, House of Fraser intends to continue the assault on Lonrho's accounting practices, which it launched at Lonrho's annual meeting earlier this year. It believes Lonrho's report and accounts ought to be a matter of concern to shareholders, the accounting profession (Peat Marwick is Lonrho's auditor) and the DTI.

Nothing is calculated to rile Mr Rowland more than suggestions that Lonrho's performance is less good than he consistently maintains it is, quoting figures from his accounts to prove it. That said, even those who claim to be neutrals would not deny that Lonrho is extremely coy with information needed for an accurate assessment of its profitability and its balance sheet, and evasive when asked questions directed at the more obscure areas of its report and accounts.

Clearly Lonrho cannot do anything in its accounts that does not meet with Peat's approval. Moreover, no large company in this country has such a loyal and devoted group of private shareholders. But the plain truth, observed by institutional fund managers who stay away from Lonrho shares in their droves, is that Lonrho is highly geared (its borrowings exceed its shareholders' equity); a large part of its earnings are in parts of the world where it is difficult to take money out; and much of its borrowing is in hard currencies. Reserves are a critical part of the company's asset structure. The largest additions to reserves in the past three years have been unrealized surpluses arising from revaluing assets; yet no detail is given of the bases on which these revaluations are made nor where the assets in question are located. Some 84 per cent of Lonrho's asset value attributable to shareholders is the result of such revaluations.

The neutral argument is for more information that would shed light on Lonrho's accounting practices. For an international company of its size and significance Lonrho should do much better on this score. But the arguments to be taken before Lord Young will not stop there. As I said earlier, Mr Howard's legacy, like the Chinese curse, is an interesting one.

Meyer ahead 41% to £45m

By Lawrence Lever

Meyer International, the largest timber merchant in Britain, yesterday reported a 41 per cent increase in full-year pretax profits, up from £32 million to £45 million.

The company is recommending a final dividend of 4.85p which makes a total of 7p for the year — a 20 per cent increase on last time. Earnings per share at 32.69p were 40 per cent up on the previous year.

Virtually all the profits before tax derived from the company's British activities, with overseas interests contributing £1.7 million.

Meyer's shares dropped back 1p to 428p.

Meyer bought Brownlee, the Scottish timber merchant, last October for about £18 million. Its existing businesses in Scotland have been amalgamated with the Brownlee businesses and now carry out two differing marketing activities.

Net borrowings at the year-end were only £10 million despite the £13.7 million cash element of the Brownlee purchase.

Mr Ronald Groves, chairman, said: "The future certainly looks good. There is every indication that the level of activity in the UK construction industry, for the next year or two at least, will be helpful to continued growth."

Five companies plan launches

A spate of companies are poised for flotations. Britannia Group, a Cheltenham property development and construction company, is coming to market via an offer for sale of 3.7 million shares at £1.55 each, valuing it at £17.58 million.

Elga Group, a water-purifying specialist, is coming to the stock market via a placing of 10.1 million shares at 95p. Mr Rob Lorch, the production director, and Mrs Diana Lorch, wife of founder Mr Walter Lorch, are selling most of their 31 per cent shareholding for more than £2.3 million, and the company is raising £2 million.

Elga made profits of £1.04

million in the year to end-March, providing earnings per share of 6.75p. This puts the shares at the placing price of 95p on a p/e of 14.1.

Stanco Exhibition Group is coming to the USM via a placing of 6,471,490 shares at 20p, representing 23.45 per cent of the enlarged capital and raising £1.29 million.

Knobs and Knockers, the holding company for a retail chain of house accessories, is placing 2,474 million new shares, 30.18 per cent of the enlarged capital, at 105p.

And Ross Consumer Electronics is coming to the USM through a placing of 883,730 shares at 165p each, raising £800,000 for the company.

Japan at 12-year low

Tokyo (Reuters) — Japan turned in its worst economic performance in 12 years in 1986-87, as the strong yen dealt a sharp blow to exporters.

The Economic Planning Agency said yesterday that economic growth slowed to 2.6 per cent in the year ended March 31, from 4.3 per cent the previous fiscal year, despite a stronger-than-expected rise in the closing months of 1986-87.

Last year's performance was well below the government's 3 per cent forecast and was the worst result since 1974-75, when the economy contracted by 0.4 per cent under the impact of the first oil shock. The yen's 45 per cent rise

against the dollar over the last two years has hit Japan's exporters hard, forcing them to lose profits and sales in the lucrative American market.

Government economists said the worst may now be over. Japanese consumers are starting to spend more, and companies seem finally to have reduced stocks to levels they are happy with.

"The economy might have bottomed out," Mr Kiichi Miyazawa, the Finance Minister, told reporters.

There were even signs of an incipient recovery in the January/March quarter, as economic growth accelerated to an annualized rate of 4.9 per cent, from 2.9 per cent in

the previous three months.

A large part of the bounce in the January/March quarter was due to a recovery in exports.

While that is good news for the economy, it is bad news for Japan's efforts to soothe US anger over its mammoth trade surplus. Although the economy may be near its bottom, no one is predicting a sharp upturn soon.

Mr Miyazawa said he was not too optimistic about the future, as employment in certain regions remains shaky. The government is forecasting 3.5 per cent growth in this fiscal year, although many private economists doubt this will be achieved.

Devenish soars 74%

The shares of J A Devenish, the brewing and leisure group, shot up 26p to 289p yesterday after the company announced a 74 per cent rise in pretax profits for the six months to end-March.

Profits were £2.59 million (£1.49 million) and brokers increased their forecast for the full year. Dr Julie Feaver, a drinks analyst at Sheppards, the broker, said she anticipated full-year figures of £8.55 million, instead of the £7.5 million she had pencilled in.

Earnings per share increased by 87 per cent and the company is paying an interim dividend of 0.75p a share compared with 0.55p in the first half of last year.

Call for 'water rules'

By Colin Narborough

Regulation of a privatized water industry must be more detailed than for British Gas and British Telecom because the monopoly is more complex, an independent study published yesterday said.

Mrs Thatcher is committed to preparing the water and electricity industries for sale during her third term although the exact timetable for these disposals has yet to be spelled out.

Preparatory work on privatizing the 10 regional water authorities in England and Wales was carried out prior to the decision last July, to delay the sale until after the election.

Privatization is expected to bring the Chancellor of the Exchequer about £6 billion, exceeding the amount raised from British Gas.

The study was commissioned by the Chartered Institute of Public Finance and Accountancy and the Institute of Chartered Accountants. The authors, Mr Paul Harrington and Miss Catherine Price of the University of Leicester, conclude that water would require intricate control of standards of service and regulators would have to be guaranteed access to detailed cost information.

The experiences of British Telecom and British Gas raise the question of whether the optimum industrial structure

calls for a single national monopoly or several regional monopolies.

The danger of "regulatory capture" was also raised in this context.

The study concludes that a retrospective measure for the retail price index provides the most appropriate basis for constraining prices; that several authorities would be better than one; and that revenue constraints should be allowed to vary between authorities.

Wordplex drops opposition to Apricot offer

The board of Wordplex, the troubled office systems group, has dropped its opposition to the £14.2 million takeover offer from Apricot Computers. On Monday, proposals for a refinancing package supported by the Wordplex board failed to gain sufficient backing at a shareholders' meeting.

Wordplex directors said last night that that shareholders should accept the Apricot offer worth 130p cash or 147p per share.

The best of British for Nikko

The cold war between the Japanese finance houses and the Bank of England has started to thaw. A discreet telephone call by a Bank official yesterday to senior executives at Nikko Bank — one of the big four Japanese banks and one of two still awaiting a UK banking licence — led, I am told, to a high-level meeting in Threadneedle Street an hour or so later. John Cunningham, aged 61, who retired as head of international banking at Coutts's last year and is now set to become chairman of Nikko's London bank, was there. "The Bank of England was kind enough to invite us to submit our application for a banking licence," he says. "We hope licence," he says. "We hope now to have the bank up and running within four months." Yamachi, the last of the big four Japanese houses, has also been invited to apply and also put in an appearance at the Old Lady yesterday. The other two Japanese banks, Nomura and Daiwa, were awarded licences in November and December — just before the trade and freeze started by the Cable and Wireless contract snub in Japan. Nikko already has offices in Godmans Street, near St Paul's, and will now start to recruit more staff.

THE TIMES CITY DIARY

Game, set and opera

Now that it has been proved beyond all doubt that God is a Tory, the City has clearly decided it is time to play. With Ascot in full swing, the second Test match against Pakistan starting tomorrow and Wimbledon next week, there are no shortage of opportunities. But it can cause problems. A colleague telephoned the head office of Commercial Union yesterday to check a rumour

that the company was in merger talks with Abbey National Building Society. A secretary returned the call a few minutes later with the message: "I'm sorry I can't get you a quotable quote — they're all either on holiday or at the opera." "The opera on a Tuesday afternoon?" inquired my colleague, incredulously. "Yes," she replied, triumphantly. "Glyndebourne."



Yes, that's right, half a ton of rubber latex, please.

Cut-rate Royal

Is there no end to the expenditure Allied Lyons is prepared to lavish on the promotion of its off-criticized Hiram Walker acquisition? With Concorde still recovering from its week-long trip ferrying assorted stockbrokers, fund managers and journalists to far-flung corners of the globe, at an admitted cost of £600,000, the company has now published the annual report to end them all. Tales of the copious consumption of £50 bottles of wine and gifts of Allied Lyons' finest alcoholic products, worth at least £75 a head, are still being recounted in City wine bars by those who went on the memorable junket. But they were not, it seems the first to get such treatment. Royal snapper Lord Snowden went to Canada, the US, Mexico, Jamaica and France earlier this year taking photographs for the new annual report. And Ivan Fallon, esteemed deputy editor of *The Sunday Times*, was retained to write the accompanying prose. But finance director John Clemes tells me: "It is not as extravagant as it looks — I am not sure what his daily rate was but it was less than the photographer we used last year."

● Tales that WPP's Martin Sorrell, who has just made a cheeky bid for JWT, is a complete workaholic are not true. He took time off last night to play in a father and son cricket match at his son's preparatory school.

Carol Leonard

Harrison profits up 23% to £2.9m

By Michael Tate

abroad, including the Middle and Far East. In March, Harrison paid £600,000 for a special steel foundry in Chesterfield, Derbyshire, a diversification for the group. Mr Ken Harrison, the chairman, expects a 30 per cent return on his capital, as he does from the West Midlands door, latches and bolts business bought this year for £330,000.

Harrison, whose newly-built foundry should double its capacity, is already looking at two other acquisitions in fields related to its doors, castings and power transmission business.

Tokyo Exchange sets guidelines for futures

By Our City Staff

The Tokyo Stock Exchange, determined not to be left behind in the fast-moving futures business, yesterday announced guidelines for stock index futures trading which it hopes can begin by next June.

But implementing the guidelines is expected to require parliamentary changes to the present law, which has barred trading in securities futures since Japan's exchanges were re-opened after the Second World War.

Osaka, Japan's second-biggest exchange, found a way round the legal obstacles. Last week, it launched its Stock Futures 50 contract, comprising 50 individual issues.

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APPOINTMENTS
Powell Duffryn: Mr Freddie Bircher has been appointed to the board as an executive director.
Reed Business Publishing: Mr John Hallam joins the board.
Thermal Scientific: Mr Charles Cotton becomes a director.

Dowty to make another US buy

By Michael Tate
In its second important acquisition this month Dowty Group, the aerospace equipment manufacturer, is buying the California-based Hydraulic Units Inc from the Boeing Company for \$42.5 million (£25.9 million).

HUI supplies airframe manufacturers with electro-hydraulic and electro-mechanical equipment. Like Woodville Polymer Engineering, purchased from Colt Industries USA on June 1 for \$3.9 million, it has been acquired to strengthen Dowty's aerospace and high technology businesses. It should also enable Dowty to compete more effectively for work on Boeing's J77, the ATF at Bell Boeing V-22 aircraft.

Hoskyns rises 33% to £2.76m at first half

By Carol Ferguson
A strong first half at Hoskyns, the computer services company which came to the market last December, was attributed to very good demand in the market place by Mr Geoff Unwin, the group managing director, yesterday.

Interim pretax profit was up 33 per cent to £2.76 million, on turnover up 26 per cent to £39.9 million. Earnings per share rose 38 per cent to 4.7p and the group paid its first-ever interim dividend of 0.6p a share.

LONDON TRADED OPTIONS

Large table with multiple columns showing option prices for various companies like Rolls Royce, Shell, and others. Includes columns for Series, Call, Put, and various dates.

TRADITIONAL OPTIONS

Table with columns for First Dealings, Last Dealings, Last Declaration, and For Settlement. Lists various financial instruments and their prices.

LONDON FINANCIAL FUTURES

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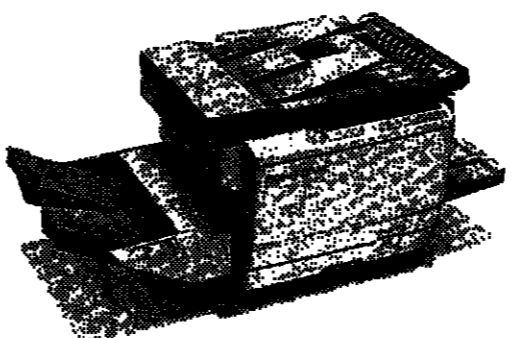
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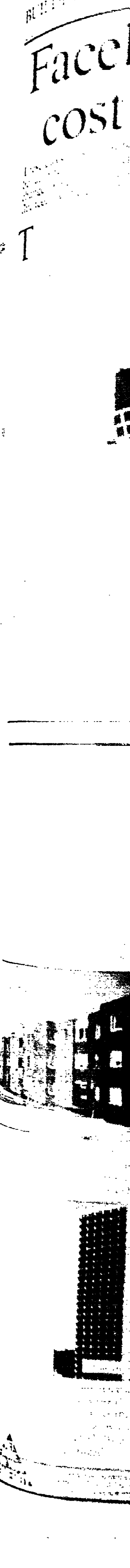
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Facelifts that cost £14bn

These days it is often better to refurbish rather than rebuild, in both the private and public sectors — a radical change in a construction industry that is increasingly influenced by the conservationists and planning committees

There is a famous line in John Osborne's play *The Entertainer* which goes: "Don't clap too hard — it's a very old building." Despite the postwar boom in new building, Britain has a legacy of old buildings which all too often are neglected, perform badly or have outlived the use for which they were originally designed.

Though most building refurbishment is difficult and labour-intensive, it is often possible to upgrade a property in less time and at lower cost rather than starting with a virgin site or razing what already exists to the ground and starting again.

Refurbishment of all types, from home improvements at one scale to modernizing the London Underground system, has been growing significantly as a proportion of the construction industry for more than a decade.

It is worth about £14 billion a year, or 46 per cent of the total market.

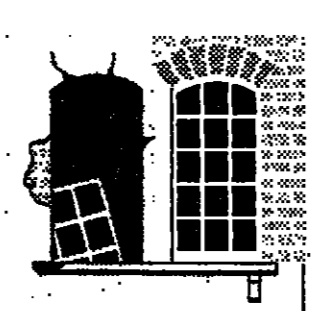
The recent swipe by the Prince of Wales likening the design of a high-tech factory to a Victorian prison is merely a reflection of the extent of public antipathy to modern architecture.

Almost any property is considered redeemable, no matter what its physical condition, when there are fears of what might replace it. The campaigning of Save Britain's Heritage, and the National Trust have been a leading influence on public attitudes.

Planning committees are flexing their muscles much more vigorously than at any time in the recent past, and the least-controversial refurbishment option is often the nearest thing to a guarantee of a fast planning approval that is available.

Today it is inconceivable that plans would be drawn up to demolish a large area of Whitehall, St Pancras Station or Manchester Town Hall — all seriously mooted in the last 40 years. Everything from the Palace of Westminster to the gate posts at the country estate of the Environment Secretary, Nicholas Ridley, are listed, and the net has recently been widened to encompass buildings more than 30 years old.

The conversion of redundant churches to fast-food



outlets and community centres, the sub-division of historic homes to country retreats and the more imaginative reuse of old buildings, such as the former Billingsgate fish market in London to a Big Bang dealing room, are becoming a way of life for the construction industry.

Eventually, even refurbishments need refurbishment, for example in the current replacement of eroded stonework at Westminster Abbey which was part of a 19th-century refurbishment.

London is undoubtedly enjoying most of the benefits of the refurbishment boom, particularly in City and West End office blocks. There are predictions of a wholesale upgrading of commercial properties built in the 1960s, many of whose leases fall due for renewal soon and prompt-

ing warnings from within the industry that it might not be able to cope with the demands for its services.

Thames-side warehouses also make for profitable conversion to so-called yuppie flats at six-figure sums.

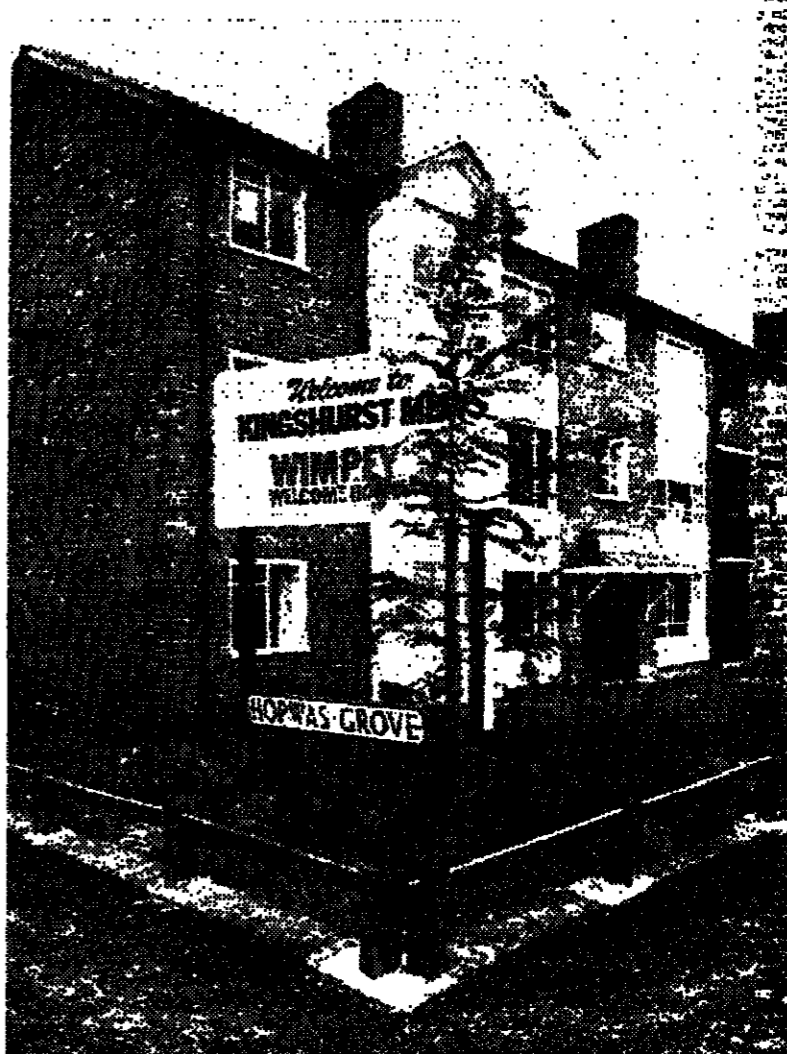
Yet though no one would begrudge the rebuilding of the fire-ravaged wing of Hampton Court Palace, or the £35 million renovation of Alexandra Palace, in north London, the expediency of much of the present refurbishment boom is questionable, and no more so than in public sector housing.

Slum clearance is down to an all-time low of less than 10,000 dwellings a year. This may have some strong arguments in its favour on social grounds, especially in keeping communities together. But eventually new homes will have to be built in vast numbers to meet people's needs. The refurbishment of terraced houses, maisonettes or mansion blocks for sale privately can often be justified on simply economic grounds.

In the public sector, however, refurbishment is being used as a short-term stop-gap to try to give new life to worn-out premises for perhaps as little as 30 years. When the cost works out at almost £20,000 a unit in the North-West of the country, or as much as £50,000 in London, it clearly makes more sense to build new homes to modern space and energy standards.

This short-term solution is because of a large degree to present Government policy: to shift as much responsibility as possible on to individual owners and the private sector, and virtually to phase out new public-sector house-building, which is at its lowest level for 50 years.

However, the last three years have also seen a drastic



Before: Vandalised Kingshurst Estate, Solihull, and after, refurbished by Wimpey with Solihull council to provide 130 homes

Can business benefit the people?

THE PRIVATE SECTOR

With the public sector strapped for cash and a buoyant private sector, partnerships between the two have become a key solution to the refurbishment of thousands of empty and derelict council properties, which are now providing low-cost home ownership.

One of the first, and most ambitious, projects undertaken was at Stockbridge Village, formerly the Cantril Farm Estate, Knowsley, where Liverpool City Council built more than 1,200 two-storey houses, 1,000 flats in nine tower blocks and 800 two to four storey flats and maisonettes in the mid-1960s. After a visit to the estate by Michael Heseltine, then the Environment Secretary in 1982, a trust was set up with backing from Knowsley council, the Abbey National Building Society and Barclays Bank.

Grant aid came in the form of £11 million of urban programme and Derelict Land Grant, and £11.5 million aid from the Housing Corporation. Public-sector investment totalled about £22.5 million, which was almost matched by private-sector contributions of £21 million.

For the tenants it meant a massive overhaul of the whole estate, security of

tenure and opportunities under the Government's right-to-buy scheme, including discounts. The local authority was relieved of the responsibility for refurbishment, which it could not afford, and the private sector made a profit on its investment.

Julian Murray, the divisional director of Wimpey Homes responsible for urban renewal, says: "Usually local authorities are short of funds to undertake the necessary repair work and have a high number of flats which are vacant or derelict and sometimes the wrong type of housing for their needs or surplus to their requirement."

Wimpey Homes, like most of the leading developers that have moved into this market, undertake the work, agrees prices with the councils, then sells to council nominees, including those on waiting lists.

At Bachanan's Wharf, Bristol, Lovell have restored an old grain wharf complex with Bristol City Council and the Bristol

and West Housing Association. The warehouse will provide 62 homes, a further 100 are being built on neighbouring land.

The transfer of vandalized and derelict council estates to the private sector for sale as luxury housing has caused political rows but is another option being pursued. One of the most successful developers in this is Regalian Properties, which began by buying 300 flats from Wandsworth Council, London, in 1981 and refurbishes them to go on the market at about £60,000 each. The properties have risen in value by 100 per cent in four years.

Local authorities can spend up to 20 per cent of capital receipts in any one year in providing new homes or refurbishing other estates.

At the other end of the scale for the luxury market, four pilot projects are being carried out under the Neighbourhood Revitalization Services scheme, launched by the National Home Improvement Council in 1983, intended to tackle housing renewals of large areas through partnerships between the public and private sectors.

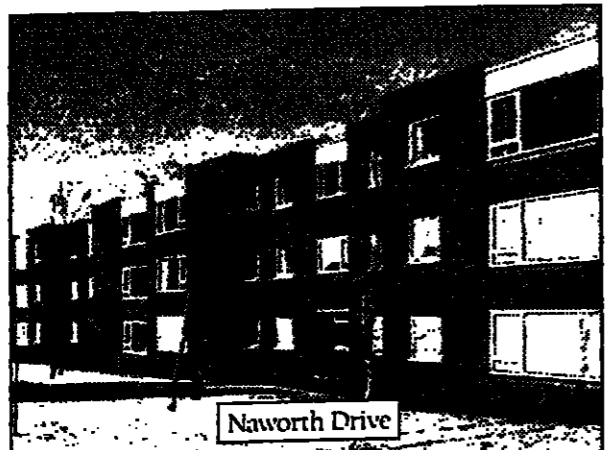
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Like all Chairmen of Housing Committees, Councillor Hugh White had a limited budget. Yet Newcastle City Council had to refurbish thousands of homes that had old and costly heating systems.

"Freezing flats, high fuel bills and severe condensation had created unbearable living conditions for our tenants, many of whom are elderly", Hugh White told us.

So Newcastle City Council approached North Eastern Electricity's Eric Coxall about the DEN 3 package.

Based on a new-style electric storage heating and water heating system, the DEN 3



package would be quick and economical to install. They wouldn't even have to rehouse the tenants while the work was carried out.

And since it makes the most of Economy 7 night time electricity — which is less than half price compared with today's standard domestic rate — it would also be economical to run.

But before they could convert the flats, they had to convert the tenants.

As Hugh White remembers, "There was a lot of scepticism about electric heating but we managed to prove its worth".

"We set up a show flat so the tenants could see the benefits of Economy 7 for themselves", Eric Coxall explained. "And attitudes gradually changed".

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When Hugh White became involved with DEN 3, it wasn't only high-rise flats that were converted.



Eric Coxall
Energy Marketing Engineer
North Eastern Electricity Board

Councillor Hugh White
Chairman of Newcastle's Housing Committee

The rest, as they say, is history. To date, Newcastle's DEN 3 package has

brought warmth and comfort to well over 3,000 households. As well as virtually eliminating any condensation and drastically cutting heating bills.

In fact now, many tenants are finding their total energy costs are working out to as little as £5 per week.

And at a cost of around £2,300 per flat using the DEN 3 package, Newcastle City Council feel this was money well spent.

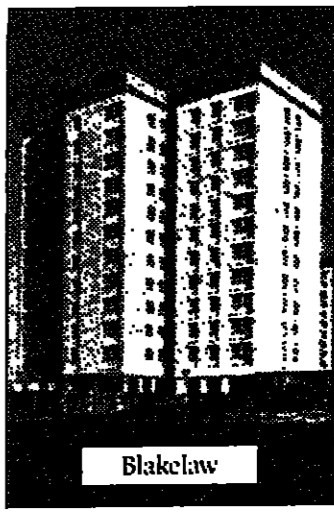
"DEN 3 is proving that electricity really can do the job", says Hugh White happily.

And the tenants' reaction? Eric Coxall tells us, "They're very happy. They've got well heated homes with affordable running costs — and who can argue with that?"

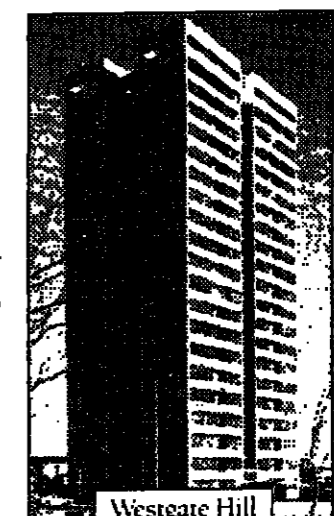
"We've had some nice thankyou letters", adds Hugh White. "And you don't get those very often".

His advice to other local authorities and housing associations with similar problems was simple:

"Come and see what we've done. Or better still, ask the tenants!"



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A brighter new style for the stores and offices

SHOPPING CENTRES

Most retail developers and owners are embarking on refurbishment programmes to add to their stock of shopping centres. Many also take the opportunity to extend them to cope with the mass of new retailers who want to be represented in all key locations.

Hillier Parker, the property consultants, estimates that refurbishment schemes account for 20 per cent of all the shopping floor-space development now taking place.

There are three main types of existing conventional shopping centres, representing the changing fashions.

First, there are the open centres from the 1930s and 1950s, generally pedestrianized but otherwise modelled on the traditional high street. Examples include Sunderland, Grimsby and Basildon, where previously open centres are being covered over.

In most cases, this consists of a lightweight glazed-steel frame over the previously

open streets, but in the case of Basildon, the architect, Michael Hopkins, has devised a membrane tent structure.

Second come the covered centres from the late 1960s right through to the early 1980s. These consist of enclosed malls of small and medium-size shops, generally on one or two levels, linking two or three "anchor" department stores.

Sunlight is rigorously excluded on the principle (now discredited) that gloomy malls focus the shopper's attention on bright shopfronts, making them more inclined to buy.

The competition such older centres face comes not just from big out-of-town developments, but from the newest type of town-centre scheme.

The Ridings Centre in Wakefield, by architects Chapman Taylor with interiors by Fitch and Co, is an example of the glitzy new "fun palace" approach, where emphasis is placed on shopping as a leisure-oriented activity rather than a chore.

This can be contrasted with the older-style Eldon Square centre in Newcastle upon Tyne by the same architects. Refurbishment involves cut-

ting holes in the roof to let the light in, as well as an extension in a more up-to-date style.

In London, in particular, former department stores are being refurbished in the new manner. The flagship Debenhams store in Oxford Street is now trading after a refurbishment by Fitch.

Whiteleys, of Bayswater, and Bentsalls, in Kingston, are being built behind existing facades as multi-level shopping centres by Building Design Partnership. Barkers of Kensington is nearing the end of its conversion to shops and offices by architects Fitzroy Robinson Partnership.

The old Bourne and Hollingsworth store in Oxford Street is undergoing a similar transformation.

COMMERCIAL OFFICES

The outlook for commercial office refurbishment is distorted by the immense amount of fundamental work being carried out in the City of London. The highly specialized requirements of financial and commodities trading institutions

are concentrated in four main cities — London, New York, Chicago and Tokyo.

Nevertheless, what happens in the City contains points for other UK office buildings.

Five years ago *Orbit*, an influential report sponsored by American and British companies, predicted that many office buildings would soon be obsolete as a result of the demands of new technology.

The prediction has come true in the City, where a cluster of 1960s office towers along London Wall is soon to be demolished and replaced with new buildings more suited to City traders.

Other demolitions of recent buildings will follow. The problem is that office buildings from the 1960s and 1970s tend to be meanly built, with low ceilings, small floors and narrow ducts.

The City market-place, in contrast, now demands huge open trading areas, raised floors and lofty ceilings to accommodate all the cabling and air-conditioning required.

A building completed as recently as 1984 — 1 Finsbury Avenue, by Arup Associates — has already had a refit to accommodate the needs of electronic dealers.

Dr Frank Duffy, of architects and space planners DEGW, was one of the authors of the original *Orbit* report. He says that even in more conventional office buildings outside the City the heat produced by personal computers can lead to the need for additional cooling equipment, precipitating either a major refurbishment or a move out.



Murals brighten up the Tube

The need for cooling has increased by at least 10 times in the City in the past 20 years, he says.

Buildings outside the City where concentrations of computer equipment are installed face similar problems.

Dr Duffy and others say that only the shell of a modern office building lasts 30 to 40 years. The services — heating, ventilation, air-conditioning — need to be renewed probably every 15 years, and the physical fitting-out of offices as often as every five years.

Dr Duffy adds: "There is a rather painful need to adapt premises. And it is expensive: the order of costs between refurbishment and new-build is often not too different."

He cites as an example the total refurbishment of a 1960s building in Brentford that DEGW helped to carry out for Wang, the computer group.

The buildings were stripped to its concrete skeleton and given a new energy-efficient skin. Faced with low ceilings, the solution was a fixed arrangement of desks, incorporating runways for cabling and cooling ducts.

Hugh Pearman

Travel versus history

TRANSPORT BUILDINGS

British Rail and London Underground face similar problems in modernizing their stations, writes Hugh Pearman. The need for efficient service is sometimes at odds with the desire to retain or enhance historic features.

Nowhere is this more apparent than at St Pancras station, London, where repeated attempts to remove the timber-panelled booking hall were resisted by the conservation lobby. A compromise was reached — the hall remained, but was moved.

Next there is a scheme to recreate the St Pancras Hotel in the station's Victorian frontage. The hotel, now empty, had been used as offices since 1935. Developers Speyhawk and architects YRM are behind the scheme.

Another former BR hotel is to be restored. As staff move out of BR's Marylebone Road headquarters, the listed building is to become once again the Grand Central Hotel.

BR is spending £2 billion in the next five years on improv-

ing stations, £290 million of it on main terminals.

Outside London, ambitious refurbishments have recently been completed at Watford, Crewe, Newcastle upon Tyne and Liverpool Lime Street. At Newcastle a high-tech booking hall has successfully been introduced into the cast-iron train shed.

London's Liverpool Street station, however, is largely to disappear in two phases of the Broadgate office development that has almost seen off Broad Street station next door. Only the listed Western Train Shed is to be incorporated in the new office city, which is costed in total at £642 million.

London Underground has encountered conservationists' wrath over its rapid programme of modernization in central London tube stations. Eighty five stations have been upgraded or are being worked on, at a true cost of more than £100 million since the programme began in 1981. Sixty-five stations are still to be tackled before the early 1990s. The objections are that the stations' historic character are being torn out: one Edwardian station, Mornington Crescent, has just been listed.

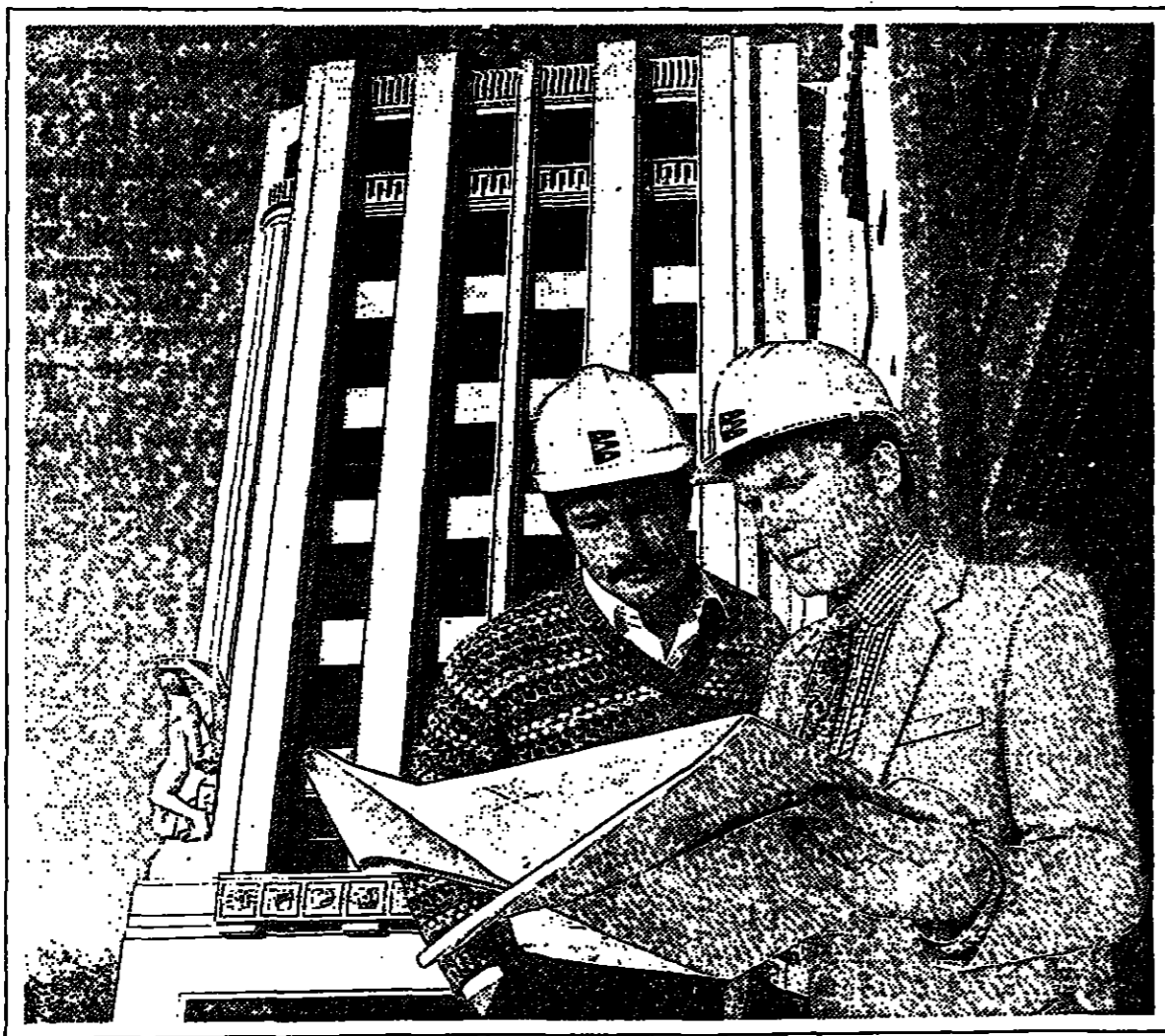
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Architect John Thompson, centre, with residents of the Maiden Lane Estate in Camden. More than physical improvements are needed to improve the complex, he says

How to help the four million

With half of Britain's 20 million homes more than 50 years old, it is not surprising to find that four million are in a serious state of disrepair...

PUBLIC SECTOR

Investment Programme allocations from central government, are being encouraged to broaden the scope of their refurbishment of existing housing stock...

The stigma of living on a council estate is also overcome, in part, by ensuring a mix of tenure so that, for example, empty properties are sold to private developers...

The main emphasis now is on housing homeless people

Often there is a partnership whereby the developer might be allocated 50 flats to improve at his own cost. On completion, he keeps half for sale and hands the balance to the council for its tenants.

Estate Action supports tenant and management co-operatives and, since last summer, a special emphasis has been placed on housing the homeless.

New types of ownership and management are also being explored through housing associations and tenant committees on estates.

nearby Navarino Mansions, designed by the same original architects as Lea View.

Here, and at Sandringham Buildings East, in central London, where they are refurbishing the block to provide 120 flats at a cost of more than £40,000 each...

Their approach to tenant participation won them the job, in competition with other practices, from the Soho Housing Association.

John Thompson, a partner in the firm, emphasizes the need to carry out more than simply physical improvements in such refurbishments.

The most dramatic example of what can go wrong with recently completed housing is at Maiden Lane, Camden, north London, where the architects have been commissioned to carry out a social survey of the 500-household estate.

The estate, designed by Camden Council's architect department in the 1970s, was hailed by the Architectural Review in 1983 as "representing the very best in British housing."

New approaches to the way estates are designed, managed and refurbished are being pursued throughout the public and voluntary sector, with central government playing a leading role...

But there is still a considerable way to go for the inherited problems of Britain's public-sector housing, brought on by decades of neglect, bad design and bad management...

Flat not a house under repair power

Regina v Lambeth London Borough Council, Ex parte Clayhorne Properties Ltd. Before Lord Justice Kerr, Lord Justice Gildewell and Sir George Waller (Judgment June 11)

For the purposes of Part II of the Housing Act 1957 a flat in a block was not a "part of a building" but was not a "house". Although a leaseholder could be required to carry out works of repair to his particular flat under a repairs notice served on him by a local authority under section 9 of the Housing Act 1957 he could not be so required to carry out repairs to the roof and common parts of the block.

The Court of Appeal so held in dismissing an appeal by the applicant, Clayhorne Properties Ltd, from Mr Justice Hodgson who rejected an application for judicial review to compel Lambeth Borough Council to pay mandatory grants on the basis that repair notices were valid.

The applicant owned the freehold of a block of 20 flats, 14 of which were let on long leases and six were let on protected tenancies.

The block required substantial repairs, both to the individual flats and, more particularly, to the roof and common parts of the building.

In 1984 the local authority, Lambeth Borough Council, aware of the difficulties of obtaining repair notices in relation to such blocks of flats that had become apparent from Pollway Nominees Ltd v Croxall London Borough Council (The Times July 15, 1986) [1986] 1 W.L.R. 1199, decided to class each of the flats in the block as a "house" for the purposes of Part II of the 1957 Act, it having been noted by the local authority that the Act divided into two parts: "house" was defined to include "apartments".

Thus in March 1984 the local authority served notices under section 9(1A) of the 1957 Act, as inserted by section 72 of the Housing Act 1980, on each of the leaseholders of the flats and on the applicant in respect of each tenanted flat. To each notice there was attached a schedule divided into two parts: Part A listed internal repairs to any one particular flat and Part B specified external repairs to the common parts of it.

Thereafter the applicant, the tenants and the leaseholders cooperated in applying to the local authority for mandatory repair grants under section 71 of the Housing Act 1974.

The local authority refused the grant applications after having taken a decision that all the section 9(1A) notices were invalid. The applicant sought judicial review to compel the local authority to pay the grants.

Section 18(1) of the 1957 Act (now section 205 of the 1985 Act) provides that an authority may take the like proceedings in relation to (a) any part of a building which is used, or is suitable for use, as a dwelling... as they are empowered to take in relation to a house.

Section 189 of the 1957 Act (now section 207 of the 1985 Act) defines "house" as including "any yard, garden, out-house, and appurtenances belonging thereto or usually enjoyed therewith".

That definition of "house" extended to "a part of a building" for the purposes only of Part V of the 1957 Act and not for the purposes of Part II.

Sections 71 and 71A of the Housing Act 1974 (now sections 492 and 494 of the 1985 Act) and section 72 of the 1980 Act (now section 9(1A) notice has been served and an application for a repairs grant to do the works required has been made. The local authority are compelled to make the grants.

Mr John Colyer, QC and Mr Roger Cooke for the applicant; Mr Andrew Arden and Miss Caroline Hunter for the local authority.

LORD JUSTICE GLIDEWELL said that the applicant accepted that the grants were only payable if the section 9(1A) notices were valid. Mr Colyer put forward two alternative arguments that the notices were valid.

The first depended on his proposition that each flat in the block was a "house" within Part II of the 1957 Act. If that was so, then (a) by section 189 "house" included appurtenances, (b) the leaseholders had rights of support and shelter relating to walls, roof and passages. If the applicant declined to honour obligations to keep the roof, walls and passages under repair, leaseholders might carry out the repairs. The easements were "appurtenances" to, and thus part of, each flat within the definition. Thus a notice requiring repair of common parts related to the "house".

Alternatively (c) the easements were not "appurtenances" to the flats but the right to do the repairs. Under section 9(1A) the repairs the subject of the notice need not be repairs to the "house".

The second proceeded on the ground that a flat was not a "house". Then, Mr Colyer said, (a) each flat was part of a building used as a dwelling; (b) since the section 189 definition applied only to a house, "appurtenances" was closed, but point (c) under the previous argument led to the same conclusion.

Mr Justice Hodgson was correct to hold that a flat was not a "house". A "house" was a separate building. It might contain one dwelling or more than one. Whether a purpose-built block of flats was a "house" was a question of fact and no opinion would be expressed as to whether or not this block was a "house".

Thus it was unnecessary to consider whether the easement of shelter and support were "appurtenances" as entry to the first argument was barred to the applicant.

Mr John Colyer, QC and Mr Roger Cooke for the applicant; Mr Andrew Arden and Miss Caroline Hunter for the local authority.

Failure to return justifies dismissal

Dowson v John Lewis plc. Before Lord Justice Slade, Lord Justice Ralph Gibson and Lord Justice Balcombe (Judgment June 12)

An employee whose employers refused to take her back after she failed to return to work at the end of a period of maternity leave which had been extended by a week's holiday entitlement was not entitled to complain that she had been unfairly dismissed.

The Court of Appeal so held in dismissing an appeal by the employee, Mrs Maku Dowson, from the decision of the Employment Appeal Tribunal on June 17, 1986 ([1986] ICR 797) to dismiss her appeal from a London industrial tribunal's rejection of her claim that she had been unfairly dismissed by her employers, John Lewis plc.

Mr Andrew Nicol for the employee; Mr G. Treverton-Jones for the employers.

LORD JUSTICE BALCOMBE said that in the autumn of 1983 the employee was pregnant with twins, her expected date of confinement being May 8, 1984. She notified her employers that she had decided to continue working after the birth and wished to take up her maternity leave option.

The pregnancy was difficult and the twins were born prematurely on February 24, 1984. Unhappily one died at birth and even after their discharge from hospital both the employee and her surviving baby were unwell.

The premature birth affected the original time scale of leave, and on June 6, 1984, the employers wrote to the employee saying that it had been agreed that the employee should have two weeks holiday at the end of her maternity leave, that she would then have a further two weeks holiday starting June 25, leaving one week to take before returning to work, and that, as her date of return was now September 10, she should return on September 17, 1984.

On September 12 the employee sent her employers a sick note recommending a month's absence. Under section 47(3) of the Employment Protection (Consolidation) Act 1978 that entitled the employee to postpone her return to work by a maximum of four weeks, but that was a right which could only be exercised once.

The result was to postpone the date the employee was due to return to work to October 8, to which was to be added a week's leave, making the final date October 15, 1984.

The employee did not return on October 15, maintaining that she was still unwell, and the employers refused thereafter to take her back. She claimed that she had been unfairly dismissed.

It was argued that, because of the agreed one week's holiday entitlement added on to the end of her maternity leave, when the employee failed to return to work she was not failing to return at the end of her maternity leave, but was in the position of somebody who failed to return to work at the end of a holiday.

The relevant statutory provisions had been characterized as being of "inordinate complexity exceeding the worst excesses of a taxing statute"; see Lavery v Plessey Telecommunications Ltd ([1982] ICR 373, 379).

The employee's contract of employment continued after she had ceased to work before her confinement. That was the inevitable consequence of the employer's scheme for paid leave within the period of maternity leave.

The employee's right to extend the period of leave by tacking on a period of holiday entitlement to the period of maternity leave stemmed from her basic terms of employment and the employer's agreement to her proposal as to holidays.

Nevertheless, the employee's exercise of that contractual right in the particular circumstances of the present case was the exercise of a contractual right to return to work within the meaning of section 48 of the 1978 Act.

The employee's submissions required the court to assume that she notionally returned to work at the end of her maternity leave on October 8, 1984, and thereafter immediately departed on a week's holiday from which she did not return on the due date.

That was a wholly unrealistic approach to the facts. The employee left work on account of her pregnancy. She extended, by separate agreement, the statutory period regulating the date of her return to work, which fell squarely within the interpretation of section 48 approved in Lavery v Plessey Telecommunications Ltd ([1983] ICR 534).

Once it was accepted that the case was a section 48 case, the rest fell into place. The employee could not complain of unfair dismissal under section 55 because of the provisions of paragraph 6(2) of Schedule 2, and she was confined to her rights under section 56.

But she could not complain of unfair dismissal under section 56 for two reasons. First and primarily, she did not exercise her right to return to work in accordance with section 47, because she sought to return to work at a date later than that at which she was entitled so to do.

The second reason was that, because of her belief that she was entitled to prolong her maternity leave indefinitely provided she had the appropriate sick notes, she never gave notice under section 47(1) of the day on which she proposed to return to work.

LORD JUSTICE SLADE and LORD JUSTICE RALPH GIBSON agreed.

Solicitors: Fisher Meredith & Partners; Mr R. F. Strell.

Security for costs order was not appropriate

Aquila Design (GRB) Products Ltd v Cornhill Insurance plc. Before Lord Justice Fox and Mrs Justice Booth (Judgment June 10)

Where an order for security for costs against a plaintiff company might result in oppression in that the plaintiff would be forced to abandon a claim which had a reasonable prospect of success, the court was entitled to refuse to make the order, notwithstanding that the plaintiff, if unsuccessful, would be unable to pay the defendant's costs.

The Court of Appeal so stated in dismissing an appeal by the defendant, Cornhill Insurance plc, from a decision of Judge Bennett, QC, sitting as a deputy High Court judge in chambers on November 21, 1986, who had allowed an appeal by the plaintiff, Aquila Design (GRB) Products Ltd, against an order for security for costs for £25,000 made by Mr District Registrar Harrison on September 3, 1986.

Mr Michael Ogden, QC and Mr Nigel Wilkinson for the defendant; Mr James Stewart, QC, for the plaintiff.

LORD JUSTICE FOX said that the plaintiff was a limited company in liquidation and the defendant company had insured the plaintiff's factory and stock against fire.

On May 30, 1985 there was in fact a fire in which the plaintiff's factory was destroyed and there was substantial damage to stock and work in progress. The plaintiff asserted a claim under the policy for £150,000.

The defendant rejected the claim and alleged arson and breach of warranty in keeping inflammable material on the premises. The allegation of arson was that the plaintiff's managing director had either started the fire himself or turned a blind eye when it was started. The plaintiff was now insolvent and the action was brought by the liquidator.

The defendant sought security for costs under section 75 of the Companies Act 1985 which provided that if the plaintiff was a limited company and it appeared by credible testimony that there was reason to believe that the plaintiff would be unable to pay the defendant's costs if the defence was successful, the court could require sufficient security to be given for those costs and might stay all proceedings until the security was given.

It was likely that the plaintiff would be unable to pay the defendant's costs if the action failed. There was no doubt therefore that the court had jurisdiction to order the plaintiff to make appropriate provision for security for costs in its discretion.

It was clear on the authorities that the court in exercising its discretion had to consider all the circumstances of the case and might refuse to order the claim was bona fide and not a sham and whether the plaintiff had a reasonably good prospect of success.

The court would also consider whether the application for security was being used oppressively to stifle a genuine claim and whether the plaintiff's lack of means had been brought about by the defendant's conduct.

The court could not reach a conclusion as to the merits of the present case as the essential matters were all in dispute and were matters for the trial. There was no reason to conclude that it was not a genuine claim.

The managing director had sworn an affidavit denying the allegation of arson and the police inquiries had not led them to believe that the fire had been started by any wilful act.

The managing director also stated in another affidavit that having regard to the relevant goods on the premises there was no breach of warranty.

As against that there were no details from the defendants of the basis for the arson claim or their reason for believing that the managing director was involved. It was open to the defendants not to disclose the evidence they intended to lead at the trial, but looking at the whole of the evidence it was not possible to conclude other than that there was a genuine claim.

The court had to take into account the facts that the defendant was a reputable insurance company and that the plaintiff had insured its factory against the risk of fire.

It was obviously crucial to the continuance of the plaintiff's business that if there was fire loss, it should be able to recoup that loss at an early date under the policy. Otherwise the business was likely to be seriously affected. It was with that in view that a company entered into an insurance contract.

The defendant's refusal to pay had affected the plaintiff's business and had contributed to its financial problems which led to insolvency. But the court had to consider the burden on the defendant of litigating against an insolvent plaintiff and the also the burden on the plaintiff of providing security with the result that it might have to abandon the action altogether and the danger of oppression.

The judge said the plaintiff's prospects of success were fifty-fifty and there was nothing at all to criticize in that. The defendant submitted that the judge had misdirected himself in that he had used for his conclusion that there should be no security for costs, the very reason that Parliament had given for ordering security, namely the inability to pay if the plaintiff lost.

However the plaintiff's impunctuality was of consequence because an order for security might have possibly oppressive consequences and that was one of the circumstances which it was proper for the judge to take into account.

Mrs Justice Booth agreed.

Solicitors: Stanleys & Simpson North; Walker Morris & Coles, Leeds.

Land use defence not available

Regina v Keys. Before Lord Justice Stephen Brown, Mr Justice Michael Davies and Mr Justice Schiemann (Judgment June 15)

In criminal proceedings brought under section 89(5) of the Town and Country Planning Act 1971, relating to alleged use of land in contravention of an enforcement notice, where the defendant did not claim that the use of the land had changed since the issue of the enforcement notice, he was prevented by section 243 from raising by way of defence the argument that he was not in fact using the land in the way alleged in the enforcement notice, because in effect that would be to challenge the validity of that notice.

The Court of Appeal so stated when dismissing an appeal by John Raymond Keys against his conviction on December 8, 1986 (on a plea of guilty which followed a ruling that there was a case to go to the jury) at Lewes Crown Court (Judge Cower, QC and a jury) of contravening the requirements of an enforcement notice. Sentence was deferred for six months.

Mr John Hobson, assigned by the Registrar of Criminal Appeals, for the appellant; Mr R. P. Lewis for the prosecutor.

LORD JUSTICE STEPHEN BROWN said that it was submitted that different situations might obtain at the time of the criminal charge from those which had obtained at the time of the issue of enforcement notices, and whoever was in possession of land had to be allowed to contest as a matter of fact that he had on that land at the time of the charge was in breach and defiance of the enforcement notice.

However, in this case, their Lordships had come to the conclusion that the appellant was seeking effectively to question the validity of the enforcement notice, and the trial judge had ruled correctly that the position was covered by section 243.

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By Christopher Warman
Property Correspondent



Georgian glory: Milford House, with views of the Solent and the Isle of Wight

The preservation of an elegant country house is a consummation devoutly to be wished, and it is a constant source of pleasure that so many do remain despite the loss of an equally large number through neglect or demolition.

There are, however, country houses that would not survive unless their function changed, for fewer families are large or rich enough to occupy them. Thus the need to alter their use, either as the prestigious headquarters of a company or split up to provide several homes instead of one.

This is a point picked up by Clarendon House Ltd, responsible for the conversion of Ramridge House at Weyhill, near Andover, Hampshire, and the agents, John D. Wood, of Winchester. They confirm the increasing trend towards the conversion of country houses into multiple apartments, and the increasing number of such houses coming on to the market, and suggest that they attract the younger retired customer.

While the newer "retirement" market continues to thrive, providing purpose-built homes for older people mainly in town and village centres, there is a different market for the younger, fit and healthy group, seeking a lifestyle allowing them to maintain the high standard of accommodation achieved in their working life and yet offering them independence from the responsibilities of maintenance and management that property ownership entails.

Clarendon House and John D. Wood put forward a scenario. For these people their work demands and the responsibilities of parenthood have probably frustrated their ambition for travel.

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That is their introduction to Ramridge House, built by Robert Adam in 1779, and restored to provide nine apartments retaining the original features, in two

acres of grounds. Most of the apartments have three bedrooms and two bathrooms and two or three reception rooms, and are for sale at £80,000 to £155,000. Two have been sold and two more are under offer, say the agents.

Belford Hall, an 18th-century Palladian villa near Bamburgh, one of Northumberland's finest stately homes, has been restored and converted by the Northern Heritage Trust with the Sainsbury family's Monument Historic Buildings Trust after lying derelict for 40 years.

The Hall was designed and built in

Formal opening by the Duke of Gloucester

1756 by the neo-Palladian architect James Paine, with two wings added in 1819. However, by 1983 it was in an advanced state of dereliction, unused since forming a temporary army post in the Second World War.

Little more than the walls, roofs and remnants of the interior survived, and the work, involving the complete renovation of the building, cost £2 million. The result is a conversion to 16 flats and houses containing one to four bedrooms and priced at £25,000 to £100,000. The building is to be formally opened on June 29 by the Duke of Gloucester, who visited it before work had started.

At the other end of the country, near Penzance and facing across the Cornish coast to St Michael's Mount, is Acton Castle, built in the late 18th century by John Wood the Younger, principal

architect of Bath at the time, whose father John Wood was responsible for many of the fine buildings in Bath.

The Grade II* listed building was latterly a hotel, but has now been converted into eight apartments, and again the emphasis is on practical luxury living within the historic castle, but retaining the original character.

Of the apartments only the south wing, fitted as a show flat with a 38ft living area and two bedrooms, has been priced — at £92,500. The remainder, one of which has been sold, will cost £80,000-£85,000 and the conversion should be completed by Christmas. Details are available from Stinsons, of Tyro.

Jackson & Jackson, of Lymington, Hampshire, note that conversions of large country houses into suitable living accommodation have never been more popular, attracting clients used to living in large houses who wish to move into something more manageable.

These agents are offering No 5 Milford House, at Milford on Sea, part of a conversion of a magnificent Georgian mansion. It is the south-west wing, giving views over the village to the Solent and the Isle of Wight, containing two main reception rooms, four bedrooms and two bathrooms, and walled patio gardens. The agents are asking for offers around £250,000.

Another wing — this time the east wing of Bunce Court, near Lenham, Kent. The house dates from the 16th century, but the wing for sale was built in the Victorian period, of red brick. Until 1933 the house was the seat of the Bunce family, after which it became a school. The property has been totally modernized, and the wing has two reception rooms, five bedrooms and outbuildings. Strutt & Parker's Canterbury office is seeking offers around £195,000.

In Bury St Edmunds, Suffolk, Mustow House, a Grade II listed town residence dating from the 16th and 17th centuries, has been refurbished and converted into four flats, retaining the period features. Two of them, the Dutch House and the Garden House, are for sale, each with two reception rooms, four bedrooms, and a courtyard garden, priced at around £115,000 and £125,000 respectively. Details are available from David Bedford, of Bury St Edmunds.



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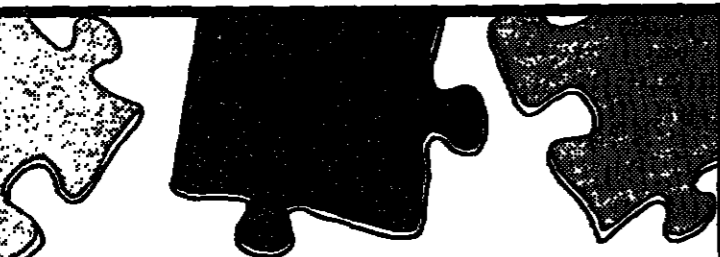
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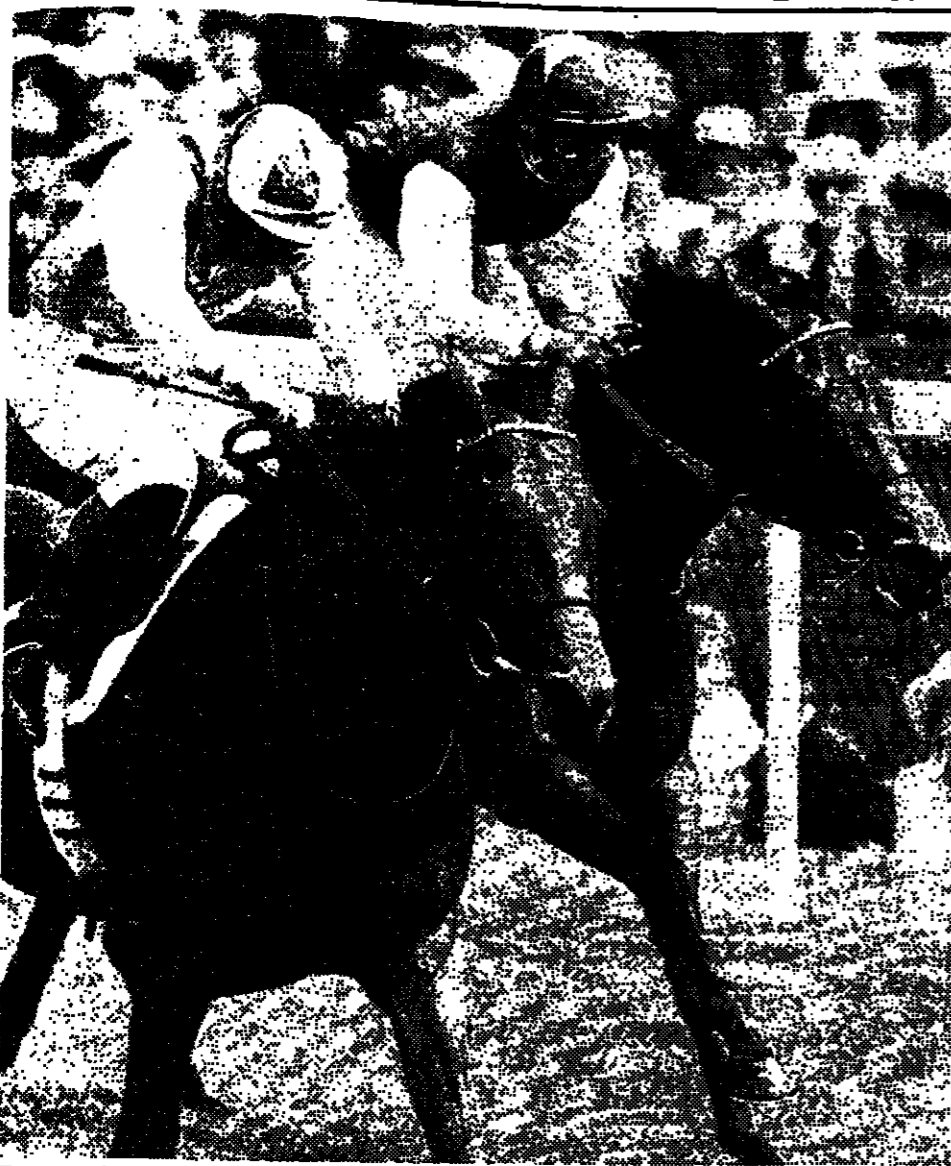
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HUNT CUP DAY



Then Again and Ray Cochrane overhauling Sonic Lady on their way to victory in the Queen Anne Stakes at the royal meeting yesterday (Photograph: Hugh Routledge)

Chance for Milligram to take centre stage

By Mandarin (Michael Phillips)
If form at the highest level means anything at all, the Coronation Stakes ought to be captured by Milligram at Royal Ascot today...

four weeks ago, the word had leaked out from Blewbury that this filly could catch provincial pigeons at home.

What the Windsor race proved was that Posada was as good on the track as she had shown herself to be on the gallops.

It has taken fillies of the calibre of Miesque and Forest Flower to thwart Milligram in three of her four races.

At Newmarket, she was beaten a length and a half by Miesque in the 1,000 Guineas over her seasonal debut.

Shaikiya has developed into a formidable filly this year, but the extent of her task today can be gauged by referring to last season's Cheveley Park Stakes at Newmarket.

Shaikiya has certainly improved since but all the evidence suggests that Milligram has not exactly stood still either.

No matter how Shaikiya fares, her trainer Fulke Johnson-Houghton and jockey John Reid, should still have cause for celebration as I believe they stand a fine chance of winning the Queen Mary Stakes with Posada.

Long before she made a winning debut at Windsor

ROYAL ASCOT Selections

- By Our Newmarket Correspondent
2.30 FLOOSE (nap). 3.05 Posada. 3.45 Turfah. 4.20 Milligram. 4.55 Sylvania. 5.30 Almarad.

By Michael Seely
3.45 ABSHEER (nap). 4.55 Arden. 5.30 Vouchsafe.

The Times Private Handicapper's top rating: 2.30 INTERVAL.

Going: good Draw: no advantage

Table with columns for race name, time, and runner details. Includes 2.30 JERSEY STAKES and 3.5 QUEEN MARY STAKES.

FORM DEPUTY GOVERNOR (8-5) was a heavy favourite last time when he won the 2,000 Guineas at Newmarket (m, 2,000 Guineas) on May 2, 1987.

FLOOSE (9-7) was a very easy 2/1 winner from War Draw in the Cheveley Park Stakes at Newmarket (m, 1,000 Guineas) on May 2, 1987.

3.5 QUEEN MARY STAKES (Group III: 2-Y-O fillies: £29,457: 5f) (15 runners)

Table listing runners for the 3.5 Queen Mary Stakes, including names like Ahonta and Angelina.

FORM AHONTA (8-11) was a heavy favourite when she won the 2,000 Guineas at Newmarket (m, 2,000 Guineas) on May 2, 1987.

3.45 ROYAL HUNT CUP (Handicap: £29,511: 1m st) (29 runners)

Table listing runners for the 3.45 Royal Hunt Cup, including names like Stately Lass and Pasticcio.

FORM STATED CASE (8-5) was a heavy favourite when he won the 2,000 Guineas at Newmarket (m, 2,000 Guineas) on May 2, 1987.

THIRSK Selections
By Our Newmarket Correspondent
1.45 Stated Case. 2.15 Just Precious. 2.45 Defence Call. 3.20 Janie-O. 4.00 Miss Laura Lee. 4.35 King Charlesmagnus. 5.10 Astronaut Prince. 5.40 Izadyr.

Guide to our in-line racecard
Racecard number, Draw in brackets, Sex-figure, BF-beaten horses in latest race, G being won by 2 fms, good to firm, B-brought down, S-spoiled up, R-ran to a soft finish, C-came to a soft finish, O-over the top, H-horse's name, Days since last outing, B-blinkers, C-came to a soft finish, D-distance winner, CO-course and distance winner.

Going: good to soft Draw: 5f-6f, high numbers best

Table listing runners for the 1.45 Sunnington Auction Stakes, including names like Mrs Sunday Sport and Just Precious.

1.45 SUNNINGTON AUCTION STAKES (Div 1: 2-Y-O: £1,579: 7f) (14 runners)

Table listing runners for the 2.15 Sunnington Auction Stakes, including names like Cosmic Ray and Lincroft Boy.

2.15 SUNNINGTON AUCTION STAKES (Div 1: 2-Y-O: £1,568: 2-Y-O: 7f) (14 runners)

Table listing runners for the 2.45 Middleton Selling Stakes, including names like Defence Call and Damsel.

2.45 MIDDLETON SELLING STAKES (2-Y-O: £205: 6f) (11 runners)

Table listing runners for the 3.00 Channel 9 Australia Maiden Stakes, including names like Royal Reform and Able Dancer.

3.00 CHANNEL 9 AUSTRALIA MAIDEN STAKES (Div 1: £1,784: 1m) (11 runners)

Table listing runners for the 3.15 Channel 9 Australia Maiden Stakes, including names like Grassy Lady and Lion Lodge.

3.15 CHANNEL 9 AUSTRALIA MAIDEN STAKES (Div 1: £1,769: 1m) (11 runners)

FORM

GOULD LANE never went once at Epsom last time, previously (8-8) 2nd to Wagon (8-9) at Sandown (m, £12,300, good, May 2, 1987).

PASTICCIO winning for the first time at this trip when (8-1) beating RED RUSSELL (8-4) 1/2 at York (m, £12,300, good, May 12, 1987).

FUSLIER was seen to better effect on previous start when (7-9) getting up to beat Saker (8-11) a head here (m, £12,300, good, Apr 29, 1987).

4.20 CORONATION STAKES (Group II: 3-Y-O fillies: £45,522: 1m md) (7 runners)

Table listing runners for the 4.20 Coronation Stakes, including names like At Risk and Haam.

FORM SHAIKIYA (8-8) showed improved form when a 1/2 winner from Tahiti (8-9) at Kempton (m, 1,000 Guineas) on May 2, 1987.

HAAM (8-4) recaptured juvenile form with a narrow win over Just Case (8-7) at Sandown (m, £12,300, good, May 2, 1987).

4.55 QUEEN'S VASE (Listed race: 3-Y-O: £20,750: 2m) (9 runners)

Table listing runners for the 4.55 Queen's Vase, including names like Arden and Bold as Bold.

FORM ARDEN (8-5) was a heavy favourite when she won the 2,000 Guineas at Newmarket (m, 2,000 Guineas) on May 2, 1987.

6.30 BESSBOROUGH STAKES (Handicap: £11,209: 1m 4f) (20 runners)

Table listing runners for the 6.30 Bessborough Stakes, including names like Almarad and Beldele Star.

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3.20 RACING POST HANDICAP (£2,910: 7f) (12 runners)

Table listing runners for the 3.20 Racing Post Handicap, including names like Green for Danger and Janie-O.

4.0 STAR HANDICAP (£2,632: 1m 4f) (10 runners)

Table listing runners for the 4.0 Star Handicap, including names like Run for Ever and Free Bay.

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Inspired Cochrane pounces for double on Cumani milers

By Michael Seely
Ray Cochrane and Luca Cumani stole the show on the opening afternoon at Royal Ascot yesterday.

Both Half A Year and Then Again gave equally matches the players of last year credit this redoubtable pair with victories in the St James's Palace Stakes and the Queen Anne Stakes, respectively.

Riding like a man inspired, the 30-year-old Irishman, Cochrane, won Half A Year yesterday through a narrow gap up the far rail inside the last furlong.

Battling on bravely, the winner resisted the late attack of Soviet Star for a length victory.

Risk Me was only a neck behind in third place with Don't Forget Me, the winner of the English and Irish 2,000 Guineas, a short head away in fourth position.

Pat Eddery, deputising for the hunched veteran of the Carson on the favourite, was started at 11-10 on after an individual wage of £25,000 at 11-8, said: "Don't Forget Me didn't turn. He hung away rounding the bend. He must have a straight track."

However, make no mistake this was a brilliant performance by Half A Year. And what patience and skill he has shown in his handling of the Riverman colt who was too backward to run as a two-year-old.

On his first appearance Half A Year had made Ascot knight, the subsequent Mecca-Dante Stakes runner-up, look unplaced in a maiden event at Newmarket, but later, on what some track had made hard work of winning a conditions race.

"I still fancied him a lot today," said the trainer. "I galloped him with Then Again ten days ago and when he quickened, Half A Year went with him. That meant he just had to be a good horse."

Richard rode him well. He went to the front too soon, but he didn't know the horse," said the trainer. "We might go to Chicago for the Arlington Million later on. The Eclipse is also a possibility, but it might not suit him to have to come off the pace against Reference Point. He is a good group two horse, but he has still got a lot to prove."

Newmarket stables had their fourth winner of the afternoon when Michael Stoute showed up a high class two-year-old in Always Fair, whom Walter Swinburn drove past Oakworth inside the last furlong of the Coventry Stakes to win by a length.

"He's a bit lazy," said the reigning champion trainer. "He had to do a lot on his own and I've no definite plans."

However, Stoute said that Ajjal, who was disappointing in the Derby, would now revert to sprinting and would go to Newmarket for the July Cup. Ascot Knight is to have his sights lowered and is going for a maiden race at the same fixture.

Perhaps, the most popular victory of the afternoon was that of Love The Groom, who beat Legal Bid in the King Edward VII Stakes for John Dunlop, the Arundel trainer, who recently lost his son in an accident.

Tony Couch, the assistant trainer, said: "Pat Eddery was impressed with him. We have him in the Irish Derby and other good races."

Blinkered first time
ROYAL ASCOT: Queen Mary Stakes, 2.45; Sunnington Auction Stakes, 2.15; Middleton Selling Stakes, 2.45; Channel 9 Australia Maiden Stakes, 3.00.

Speed and class were by no means the prerogative of the milers. Miesque also produced a devastating burst of finishing speed to clear of his rivals a

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RUGBY UNION

Finalists find a style to match

From Gerald Davies Auckland

New Zealand and France have reached the final of rugby's first world cup because they have gone back to being true to their nature...

How can we be so uncouth as to believe that it is good for New Zealand and France should, of necessity, be good for us?

For New Zealand, the individual serves the black anonymity of the team for France, the individual somehow emerges, gets his glorious moment...

We are racked with guilt and an inferiority complex because in our heart of hearts, we believe essentially that the forwards must serve the backs...

We should not be seen as beggars

Our talent is to create the special opportunity for the individual player. His place in the game is sacrosanct. And he should believe in it. We should not be seen as beggars asking for alms from others...

The All Blacks were spectacular in a style in the opening, testing the backs against Scotland and against a former Wales, they reverted to the tactics that are their real habit...

France has agonized this decade and attempted to follow a similar practical route. But they at last reached a point at Sydney on Saturday when they, too, fixed their sights on a kind of rugby they know best and which so often recently they have turned their backs on...

It was vividly appropriate France should do so to beat a powerful Australian side and get to the final. There, in Auckland, it will make for a colourful scene to find the contrasts which rugby allows...

New Zealand have deep rugby spirit. New Zealand, too, have the spirit of rugby football deep in their character, but it is of a different kind.

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France may have appeared in the distant past to display their very obvious gifts but with an untamed energy, they have of late applied to each logic so that their intuitive moves have been held, nervously, in check...

On Saturday they did so and won themselves one of the great international matches of all time. It was an exuberant match, full of the turning tides of fortune.

Australia, to a certain extent, fell victim to their own spectacular success which has seen them score a grand total of victories in Britain and Ireland and to win, last summer, a three-match series in New Zealand.

To have such a record of victories says volumes for the skill of the team and about the talents of their coach, Alan Jones. He has instilled in them the will to win and to do so by playing exciting, skilful football. In so doing, they made for themselves a brilliant reputation. However, a shift of emphasis, which is perhaps inevitable occurs when asked to defend that reputation. A team becomes more cautious.

It has happened to New Zealand and to Wales in the past. In this tournament, it has happened to Australia. They have narrowed their fewer chances taken. They became preoccupied with strength and power: six of their forwards weighed over 16 stone. And good though they were, something went astray in their game.

Of the four semi-finalists, only Wales can find little or no comfort. They were whisked aside. Admittedly, there were injuries which stopped them putting out their strongest team. But if that is seen as the sole reason, then no losses will have been earned. Desperate measures are now required. If not, then they will remain in dire straits.

Webster buys full ticket to accomplish his Wales dream

From David Hands Rugby Correspondent Auckland

Both Wales and Australia retained the capacity for surprise, even though their swansong to the World Cup is confined to what might be called the bronze medal position in the play-off in Rotorua tomorrow...

Webster's expectation this summer was limited to the ambitions of the Teachers' North Club in Canberra, where he and his club colleague, David Young, had agreed to play. Now both men, not yet 20, have found themselves catapulted into the Welsh squad...

Smith has also played centre and full back at club level, although this is his first game on the wing. He is joined in the three-quarters by David Cooney and Matthew Burke...

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It may have been, in other circumstances; if, for instance, Wales were able to field a first choice side rather than those remnants of their squad who are still fit for selection. I suspect that once the Australians find themselves involved, their natural competitiveness and better team work will assert itself.

When Gareth Roberts became doubtful after breaking his nose against England, Webster was retained in the party and became an official replacement when Robert Newman went home with a hamstring injury. The back injury to Richie Collins, the South Wales Police flanker, on Sunday cleared the way.

Thus are dreams achieved. Webster, a senior triallist last season, comes into a back row reshaped after the 49-6 defeat by New Zealand in the semi-final at Ballymore last Sunday, with his club colleague, Paul Morarty at No. 8 and Roberts on the other flank. With Huw Richards suspended after Sunday's punching incident and subsequent sending off, Steve Sutton comes in at lock and Steve Blackmore, something of a forgotten man recently with all the comings and goings of prop forwards, returns along with Alan Phillips, his club hooker.

Behind the scrum there is only one change, Mark King replacing Bledwyn Bowen at centre. Bowen, after spending most of the domestic season recovering from various injuries, has been unable - not surprisingly - to recapture his old verve and the unpredictable edge Ring has been given his chance against a reorganized Australian midfield.

Australia's changes are dictated largely by injury but the selection of Smith, aged 20, who will play in his third position in five internationals (as well as appearing at scrum-half he has played stand-off half, against South Korea last month), ahead of so strong a contender as Peter Grier can be interpreted in two ways.

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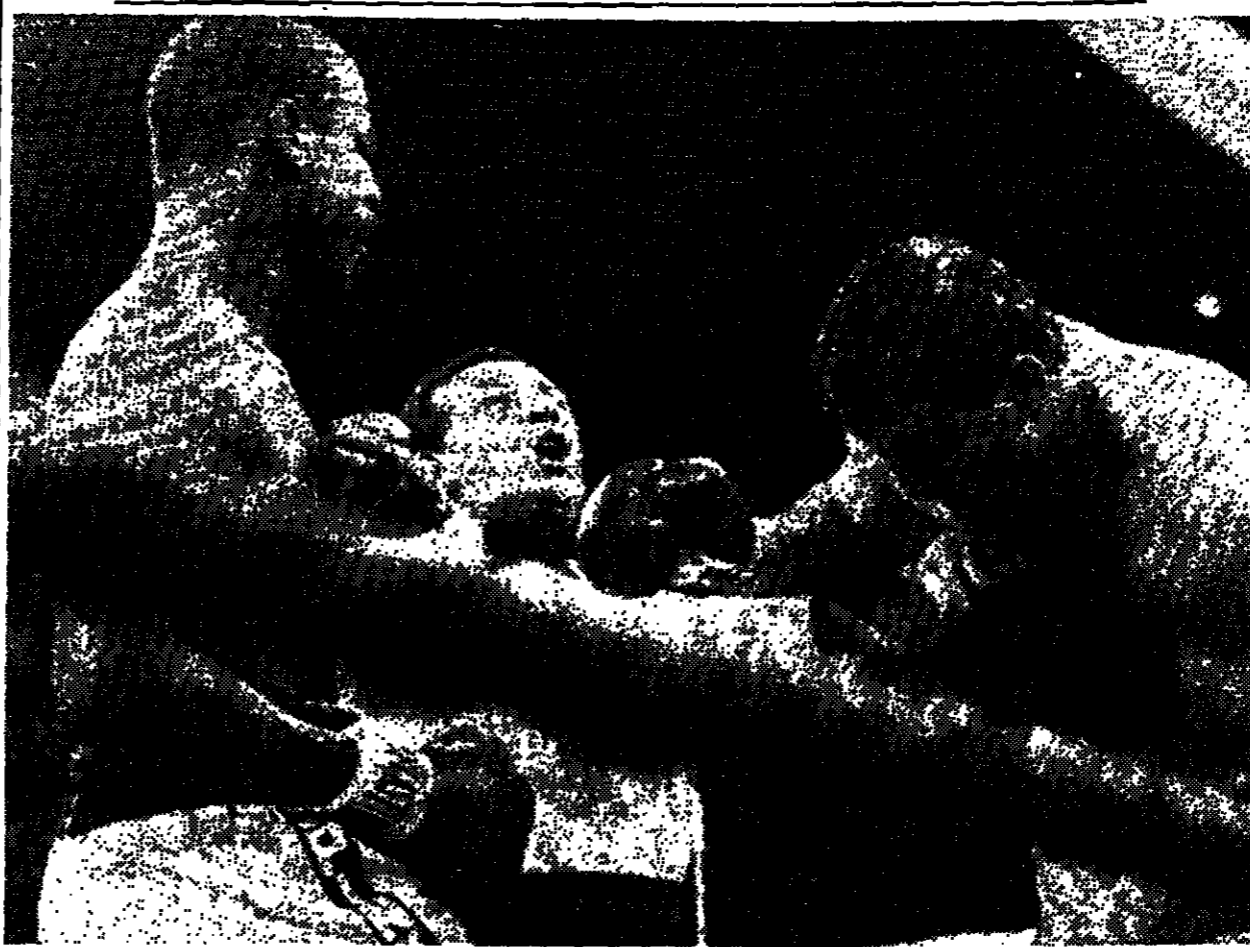
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WORLD CUP

BOXING: LAS VEGAS PREPARES TO STAGE A TYSON SPECTACULAR



The end for Cooney: The referee prevents Spinks (left) inflicting more punishment on Monday night

Spinks exploits Cooney's hook

From Srikanth Sear, Boxing Correspondent, Atlantic City

Michael Spinks, the former undefeated International Boxing Federation heavyweight champion, emerged as a serious challenger for Mike Tyson's World Boxing Council and World Boxing Association crowns after destroying Gerry Cooney, the 6ft 7in Irish-American, in five rounds before 15,700 people at the Convention Center here on Monday night. It was no surprise that Caesar's Palace casino jumped on with an offer to build a 30,000 capacity stadium in their car park in Las Vegas to stage the bout.

Cooney, who had returned after almost five years' absence from competitive boxing to challenge Spinks for an official world title, faces another long period of obscurity. He said yesterday: "I was fighting for a little girl back home who needs a heart transplant. I cannot say whether I can see myself fighting again."

One can understand that, for he received a fearful beating in the fifth round and was floored twice. Spinks, who had relied on counter-punching suddenly went on the offensive in the fifth and as Cooney became more and more confused Spinks put him down with a five-punch combination.

Cooney staggered up to receive several uppercuts, for his fifth and a chopping right that sent him down again. As he rose again, Spinks stood well back, looked at him and then let loose another barrage. The referee, Frank Cappuccino, quickly intervened. "His eyes looked glazed," he said. "He put up no argument when it was over."

Cooney said that he was "very tight and could not take a deep breath", but he can blame his left hook, which had demolished Cooney's defence, for his defeat. With a five-inch jab advantage and at 17st, 30lb heavier than Spinks, Cooney had assumed that all he needed to do was hit Spinks solidly once.

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Pearce ready to flout medical advice again

David Pearce, the former British heavyweight champion, is planning to return to the ring on July 2. Also on a bill, expecting a 300-seat sell-out, are his brothers, Gary and Nigel.

Kathryn Carr, speaking for the King's Hotel, said: "We wish to prevent the fight going ahead. We are satisfied from his medical records that David is fit to fight. He is aware of the risks and we respect his judgment."

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Woosnam in the mood to win again

While the US Open takes place this week, Ian Woosnam will be attempting to win the Volvo Belgian Open championship, which begins today. Woosnam would be some compensation for not having been invited to play at the Olympic Club, San Francisco.

Woosnam, who leads the European order of merit with almost £100,000, won the Jersey Open when he was omitted from the Masters last April and intends doing exactly the same kind of thing at Royal Waterloo.

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FOOTBALL

Johnston the next Celt to move on

Mo Johnston, Celtic's former Watford forward, has agreed to sign a contract worth almost £1 million to join the French club, Nancy. The offer made to me was one I could not refuse," the Scottish international said.

Smith promises inquiry over Priest Hill decay

By John Goodbody

The Sports Council yesterday promised an immediate inquiry into the Priest Hill Sports Centre...

agricultural land to be adapted for sport, such as golf courses. The Priest Hill Centre comprises 30 hard tennis courts, 18 football...

that it will not be covered in houses. We are well aware of its possible use, but we only established our claims on it last year.



Wrack and ruin: Adrian Stonebridge, a tennis coach, who has helplessly seen Priest Hill slide into decay

END COLUMN

The dish Hoddle cannot resist

From Clive White Monte Carlo The pier de jour is unquestionably of British flavour. While Monaco and Paris St Germain wait with baited breath for Glenn Hoddle to make up his mind...

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Anger at Sports Council's method

By Nicolas Soames The Martial Arts Commission meets today to consider an independent inquiry's findings of "vote rigging" by the MAC's former general secretary, David Mitchell.

Navratilova and Becker face the big hitters

By Rex Bellamy, Tennis Correspondent Boris Becker and Martina Navratilova, the singles champions, have drawn big, hard-fighting, but comparatively inexperienced, opponents in the first round of this year's Wimbledon Championships...

Graf is no longer green on grass

Steffi Graf, the French champion and world No. 2, is remarkably modest. The West German has offered no bold predictions about winning Wimbledon for the first time but, having studied the draw, she said: "The early rounds look good for me."

Evert challenge not enough to inspire Gomer

By Barry Wood The bitter truth found Sara Gomer before she stepped out to play Dianne Balestrat in the Pilkington Glass tournament at Eastbourne yesterday. She knew that next week at Wimbledon she would face Chris Evert in the first round.

The furious competition between Monaco and Paris St Germain for the signature of Hoddle typifies the determination of French clubs to shake off their image as the poor relations of European football...



Johnston: lured to France poised to complete a deal for two Englishmen that would break banks less hardy than Monte Carlo's.

LOANPLAN can give you up to £15,000 from just one phone call. As a homeowner, you can unlock some of the unfulfilled value of your property...

Lancashire apology for Simmons

By Martin Seabry Lancashire have apologized to Yorkshire for the astonishing outburst by their senior professional, Jack Simmons, who accused Stuart Fletcher of cheating shortly after the end of the Roses match at Old Trafford.

Shastri twice calms fluttering hearts

By Jack Bailey scintillating innings from Shastri. Especially high marks are due to Gifford, not only for his five for 71, but by the way he kept Pierson's off-spin in tandem with himself almost throughout Glamorgan's second innings...

Needy of Newport

Newport County were given another fortnight to settle their debts by Mr Justice Harman in the High Court yesterday, but the fourth division club's future is bleak after their local council offered £100,000 when they need at least £300,000.

Benefit bash

Pakistan and India will play a limited-overs match for Imran Khan's benefit fund with Sussex at Huddersfield on June 30. The Pakistan captain hopes Kapil Dev, Sunil Gavaskar, Ravi Shastri, Dilip Vengsarkar and Mohinder Amarnath will be included in the Indian XI.

Real match

Everton, the League champions, will play Real Madrid, their Spanish counterparts, at the Bernabeu stadium on August 26 in a friendly.

Torbay boost

The Interceptor America's Cup syndicate, headed by Warwick Collins, received a boost when the Torbay council granted outline planning permission to Royal Torbay yacht club for a marina and 12-metre racing complex at Brisham.

SPORT IN BRIEF

GLAMORGAN: First Innings J.A. Hopkings c and b Parsons... 22; H. Morris c Moles b Donald... 24; D.A. Thomas c Shastri b Thomas... 34; D.L. Jones c Shastri b Thomas... 6; P.A. Smith not out... 6; Extras (b 10, lb 6, w 2, nb 1)... 19; Total (8 wickets dec)... 88; FALL OF WICKETS: 1-61, 2-63, 3-77, 4-164, 5-182, 6-182, 7-193, 8-227.

The last thing he would want, and Hoddle came to that, would be an unwelcome extension of his Tottenham career. Hoddle commented: "Iring knows it's time for me to move on."